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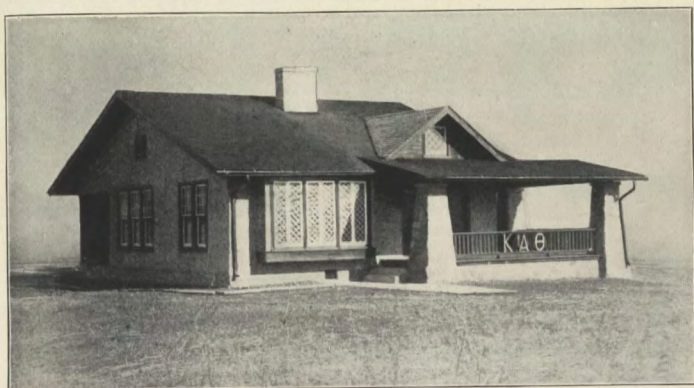
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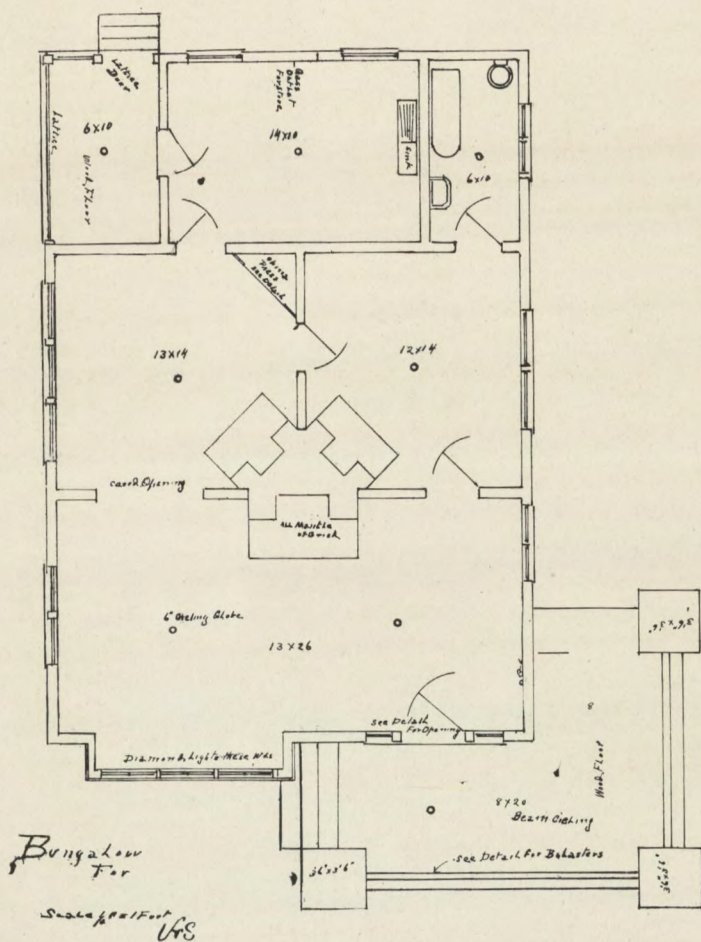


TO be at home in all lands and ages; to count Nature a familiar acquaintance and Art an intimate friend; to gain a standard for the appreciation of other men's work and the criticism of your own; to carry the keys of the world's library in your pocket, and feel its resources behind you in whatever task you undertake; to make hosts of friends among the men of your own age who are to be leaders in all walks of life; to lose yourself in generous enthusiasms and cooperate with others for common ends; to learn manners from students who are gentlemen, and form character under professors who are Christians:—this is the offer of the college for the best four years of your life.

WILLIAM DEWITT HYDE.



ETA'S NEW LODGE, NASHVILLE, TENN.



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OUR NEWEST CHAPTER HOME

Our chapter house is a pebble-dash, stucco lodge, built in bungalow style, situated about a block from the campus. It has a living room, dining room, bedroom, kitchen, bath, and front and back porches. The house is lighted by electricity and heated by open fires. In the living room we have a big old-fashioned fire-place where we burn logs on immense andirons. With one bedroom it might be supposed that the house would accommodate only two, but during our Thanksgiving house-party eight girls lived there—happily at least. This was made possible by our davenport and cots. The house is completely furnished—partly through the kindnesses of our alumnae, patronesses, and friends, and partly through our own efforts. Just before Christmas we had a Christmas tree one night and invited our alumnae. Each one brought a gift for the house. We were also well remembered on January 27. It is a custom of the chapter to give the fraternity a birthday present, and this year it was silver spoons and chocolate cups. Many of our alumnae remembered the birthday with gifts.

Our lot is $62\frac{1}{2}$ x 150 feet, well situated and we hope to have it green and pretty in the spring. The house and lot are valued at about \$3,500.

We had been planning for a house for a long time, so last spring we wrote all our alumnae telling them of our plans and asking them for voluntary contributions. They all responded so enthusiastically that very soon we had all the money pledged and we made a large first-payment. We also received many gifts of checks toward the realization of our plans. In April of each year, until the debt is removed, the pledges are due.

The payments are not hard to meet and the money was raised without noticeable hardships or denial by any one.

As the house is new, we have had very little experience with repairs, but the running expenses of the house are met by assessment or from the treasury. For the general supervision of the house our plan is to appoint a girl from the upper classes as house-keeper for the term of a month. Her duty is not to do the work of the house but to see to its being done. At each chapter meeting two girls are appointed as a cleaning committee to serve a week. These girls clean the house twice during their term. After each chapter lunch (they occur every two weeks) the underclassmen wash and put away the dishes under the supervision of the house-keeper. Of course when there is heavy work to do or general house-cleaning, we call in servants. This plan of caring for the house has proved very satisfactory to us. The house and furniture are insured for full value.

ETA'S HOME

I. ETA ASSOCIATION

From the earliest days, in fact in the days when *elaborate* rushing consisted in an afternoon party to which the rushees were invited to come and bring their weekly accumulation of darning, it had been the dream of Eta to own a chapter house. From time to time some money was given to the house fund and some was pledged to be paid in the far off future, when something definite should appear.

In June 1907 the chapter found itself unhoused for the following September. There was a suitable house but alas, it was available only in case it could be bought. The alumnae in Detroit and Chicago were consulted and it was decided to undertake the purchasing of the house and lot. The sale price was \$7,800 and there was on hand something less than \$800. During the summer \$1,000 was raised by donation. In Septem-

ber, 1907 Mr. Post and Mr. Belser, respectively the president and treasurer of the building association, secured the remaining \$6,000 for us by giving their personal notes.

It was found necessary to finish off the third floor and have it ready for occupancy when college opened. This meant another \$900, \$400 of which was borrowed from Mrs. Walker and \$500 of which the chapter paid in advance room-rent.

In the spring of 1908, another \$500 had come from the alumnae, and *Eta Association of Kappa Alpha Theta* became incorporated under the state laws. This association then took over the property and issued bonds, secured by trust deeds, which were sold to individual investors.

Membership in the association is obtained by the payment of \$50. This is paid in different ways; either in a lump sum, or by notes payable in either five or ten yearly installments. It is not compulsory but it is customary for each girl, upon leaving the chapter, to sign one of these notes. This is the only financial obligation to the chapter which Eta alumnae assume, there being no form of alumnae dues. This method, of course, gives an ever increasing source of income.

With the income from these notes, and the rent paid by the chapter, \$550 per year, the association keeps the house in repair, pays the taxes, insurance, interest on the bonds, and retires one bond annually. Through the trustees and house committee, house furnishings are also supplied from time to time at the request of the chapter.

Our financial status is the boast of the alumnae and chapter. We value our property at \$9,000 (without furnishings). We have owned it four years and have reduced its indebtedness to \$4,200 without any burden to anyone.

Much of the credit of our success is given by the alumnae to the financial support and business engineering of some of the fathers and husbands, especially to Mr. Belser of Chelsea, Michigan, and Mr. Hoyt Post, Sr. of Detroit, whose indomitable Theta spirit was the fundamental force in our undertaking.

Leona Belser

II. THE HOUSE

Our house is on South Ingalls street, about two minutes brisk walk from the campus. On seeing it only from the street one would not think it large enough for fraternity purposes and yet it will accommodate sixteen girls and our chaperon.

The house faces eastward. Downstairs there is the parlor, the dining room, the chaperon's room, and the kitchen. Our hall is quite large, and since we have the piano there it is to all intents and purposes another living room. The second floor has four very large bedrooms and one small one, and the third floor two large and two small rooms. The house is heated by hot water, and we have both gas and electric light.

The principal thing to commend about the house is its home-like atmosphere which is due, in great part, to the open arrangement of the rooms downstairs, their brightness and airiness, and the two fire-places, one in the dining room and one in the living room.

We are especially proud of our dining room which is without doubt the most attractive room in the house. And here is our most beloved possession, our immense round table which seats twenty-two comfortably, the gift of Mrs. Walker and Charlotte.

Grace Babcock

We consider ourselves very fortunate to have had our insurance increased last year, as we met with quite a serious loss through a fire early this year. Not only had we insurance on the house and furnishings but also on the girls' clothes. This was of especial value to us, as our chaperon's clothes were destroyed by the fire. As yet, we have no fire-escape on the house, but preparations are now being made and within a very short time we expect to be duly prepared for any other unexpected surprises, such as we experienced this fall.

There has been no definite plan of furnishing adopted though the Eta association will, upon request of the chapter, provide

necessary furnishings. The girls who were in the chapter when the house was first bought, furnished their own rooms and most of them left their contributions when they graduated. Since then the chapter treasury has from time to time added articles when needed. As a result the house is at present very nicely furnished.

Another custom which the chapter has followed is to present the house with a birthday present every year. As this is usually furniture, we try to provide one piece each year which will add to the adornment of the house. For the last two years we have established a rug fund to which all donations are directed. Within that time we have purchased two oriental rugs, one medium sized, and another smaller one. Through the kindness of Mr. Howard, a dealer in orientals, and also a friend of Agnes Parks, we were able to obtain special values. It was great fun being economical for the sake of real orientals, but great and many were the hardships which we experienced in our attempts to provide the wherewithal. Finally we had succeeded in collecting all but the last \$10. Where was it to come from? Birthday money, donations, and even a system of twenty-five cents fine for leaving the house without signing the slate, were all added but, still this fatal \$10 stared us in the face. One night at dinner, the question was solved. Lucie Harmon our stewardess agreed to give us \$10 if we would go without desserts for two weeks. Needless to say we all agreed, and for the next fortnight Thetas were poor but happy.

This custom of having a slate upon which the girls register when going out after dinner is a very good one. It solves the problem of locking the door and also releases the chaperon from this duty. The last girl to cross off her name locks the door. A fine of twenty-five cents is imposed on any girl who upon going out does not cross off her name when she comes in. These fines go to a picture fund from which we intend to buy good pictures.

Helen Pyle

III. HOUSE MANAGEMENT

Eta selects one of the girls each year to act as stewardess. She looks after all supplies, receives the money for board, hires the servants, in fact, attends to everything about the kitchen and dining room. We have found it most satisfactory to buy groceries and meats from the retail merchants as all of the large stores give wholesale prices, or else a per cent off, to the fraternities. Butter and eggs are brought in to us from the country. This year we have had a lot of home canned fruit, tomatoes, and jelly. It is more wholesome and much cheaper. We have found it very advantageous to keep a locked store-room in the basement where our supplies in large quantities are kept. The girls pay the same as is paid in the best boarding houses. This year it is \$4 a week. Then, they pay extra for guests and get a rebate if they are absent more than six meals.

We have one cook and a maid, whose only kitchen duties are to wash the dishes and table linen. Our table is so full now, with at least twenty-two every meal, that we have two student waiters, who receive their board for their services.

We can not have as great a variety on our table as they do in the boarding houses, but we try to have everything as near like home as possible. Our birthday cakes have proved the most fun. Of course, they have candles and on the inside we always find a ring, a thimble or a button, a penny, and a bean.

The servant problem is such a great one here that it makes the running of the house more difficult. Provisions are so expensive and their prices fluctuate so much that it is rather hard to estimate the expenses for this year. I am certain, though, that with over twenty at the table and the good help that we have, we will come out without a deficit.

Margaret E. Irving

The current expenses of our chapter house are met by the rent which each girl living in the house pays. This is \$10 a month irrespective of the size and location of the room. Out

of this we pay \$61 a month to Eta Association. The rest goes to pay for coal, lights, servants, and the usual expenses of a house.

We nearly always come out just about even at the end of the year, although occasionally we have a little nest egg to start with the next fall.

THETA'S HOME AT CALIFORNIA

The value of Omega's property, including lot, house and furnishings, is about \$16,000. In 1907 the alumnae association of Omega chapter incorporated with the view to building a house. Shares at \$30 apiece were sold to the different alumnae, each taking as many as she could afford and soon \$4,000 had been raised and our lot bought. Money was borrowed from a few alumnae on notes bearing 5 per cent interest—a mortgage was laid amounting to less than half the value of the whole expenditure—and so the house was built.

Each incoming member subscribes to two shares at one dollar a month and so at the end of four years there is but little due.

The furnishings have been obtained by donation and as birthday gifts. The repairs and upkeep of the house are attended to by the board of alumnae. Insurance is carried and fire escapes are provided. The whole plan is considered very good.

There are fifteen rooms: eleven bedrooms, two baths, an alumnae suite, kitchen, dining and living rooms. The house is heated by furnace and there is an open fire-place in the living room. Water is heated by a Rund heater. Electricity lights the house and there is a gas range in the kitchen. Eighteen can be accommodated most comfortably.

The living and dining rooms are connected by semi-glass doors in the middle of the partition: these, however, are so arranged as to fold back on the partition, which in turn folds

back against the wall, thus making the two rooms one. The plan is splendid as the lower floor is thus opened up for entertaining.

The chaperon has no other qualifications than to be a lady. The girls consult her about their comings and goings and she knows their whereabouts.

The house is managed by one of the girls who pays only half board. The supplies are bought retail at wholesale prices. There are two servants—a cook and a second boy—both of whom live in an out house. The house girls pay board, and all members pay monthly house dues. The house girls have no duties save to keep their rooms in order. The house can be run without deficit with twelve girls in it and at no time is a burden to the chapter. The living is much better than college dormitories. Instead of house rules there are sentiments about noise in the halls after eight p. m., regarding the time callers should leave.

We have two interesting customs: on the fraternity birthday, the sophomore class always gives a play original or otherwise—and at the end of the term the freshmen give a dinner to the seniors.

Constance Davis

DELTA'S HOME

HOUSE BUILDING

Delta has been the proud possessor of her own home for six years. Before that time the chapter had rented a house, but thinking it would be more advantageous to pay off a mortgage on a house that would eventually be the property of Delta than to pay rent on something which she would never own, she conceived the idea of building.

By individual pledges enough money was raised to purchase a lot, now, directly opposite the Women's building and worth about \$8,000. The resident Thetas organized themselves into a corporation and borrowed \$9,000 with which they built



DELTA'S CHAPTER HOUSE, CHAMPAIGN, ILL.



PHI'S CHAPTER HOUSE, STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CAL.

the house. Each month our house manager, one of the house girls, pays \$80 rent to the treasurer of the corporation. Besides that, every active girl pledges herself at the end of her freshman year, to a five year pledge, of not less than \$3 a year. With the house rent and pledge money, the corporation treasurer pays \$500 on the mortgage each year, together with the mortgage interest. She also pays insurance, pavement tax, property tax, and for all house repairs.

Our first house furnishings were gifts from patronesses and resident Thetas, but now we have a house furnishing fund into which each girl living in the house, pays twenty-five cents per month.

Our house is a three story frame one, below which is a concrete basement containing furnace, coal and store rooms. We have nine bedrooms accommodating two girls each, two bathrooms, two trunk rooms, and five rooms on the first floor (dining room and reception rooms). The house is lighted throughout with gas and electricity, and the entire property is worth about \$17,000.

HOUSE MANAGEMENT

In the first place, we have a house manager, whose business it is to collect monthly rent from the girls (\$8 per girl). With this she pays the \$80 to the corporation treasurer, and sees to little internal house repairs, such as putting in and taking out of screens, hiring a furnace boy, and paying the coal, light, water and telephone bills. This office is non-remunerative. In the second place, we have a commissary whose business is to collect weekly board from the girls, \$4 from each, and plan the meals. With this she pays for all food, for the services of a maid and cook, and for any new china or kitchen utensils we may need. The chapter commissary is exempt from paying board. Our meals are cooked and served just as we would have them at home, and we can have anything we desire upon application to the commissary. Besides a house manager and

a commissary, each floor has a proctor whose business it is to keep the halls straight and to "confiscate" all stray articles. There articles may be redeemed at five cents apiece.

Then of course, we have a chaperon who lives with us, and act as an adviser and mother to the girls.

Our house rules are as follows:

1. The house must be as quiet as possible after seven o'clock.
2. There shall be no piano playing after seven o'clock on week nights and after nine o'clock on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.
3. All callers must leave at ten o'clock.
4. Freshmen may be allowed one caller only between Monday and Friday nights.
5. There must be no congregating in the rooms or upstairs halls after seven o'clock.
6. Lights must be turned out on leaving rooms.
7. Any book or article left downstairs after 8 a. m. or 1 p. m. may be redeemed only by a five cent fine to the proctor.
8. Each girl must own her own napkin ring.
9. Breakfast is served from 7:20-8 on week days, 8-9 on Saturdays, and 9-10 on Sundays.
10. Empty waste basket in furnace, *not* on cellar floor.

A list of these rules is posted in each hall and helps to keep the order essential to every sorority house.

STANFORD'S THETA HOUSE

As our house is on the university campus, it—like all the Stanford chapter houses—is built on a lot leased from the university. These ground leases are issued for ten year periods at \$50 per annum, and can always be renewed.

When twelve years ago Phi planned to own its own house, the members organized a stock company and, at \$100 a share, issued stock to the amount of \$8,000. This stock was all

bought by individual Thetas, or their interested relatives. This stock constitutes the outstanding debt on the chapter house, which is being paid gradually by the buying up of shares. This stock pays seven per cent interest. The chapter's rent for the nine college months (no summer rent is paid) is \$111 per month. From this rent fund, the semi-annual interest on stock is paid and shares of this same stock bought. The directors of the stock company are resident Thetas. Mr. Cubberley, the husband of a loyal Theta, kindly manages the business of the board.

Today the house could not be built under \$11,000. Room rent and board in the house is \$32 a month. From this the running expenses of the house, the rent, and all minor inside repairs are made. The stock company pays for all large repairs.

The house furnishings have been the gradual accumulation of twenty years of housekeeping. The first furnishings were individual contributions from members, supplemented by purchases from chapter funds. When the chapter moved into its own home the alumnae made many gift additions to the furnishings. These alumnae gifts continue, and supplemented by a \$5 pledge to the house furnishing fund formally made by every graduate, and profits from summer rent—in the fortunate years when the chapter house is sub-let for the summer—have paid for most of the furnishings.

The one mistake of our plan for building was setting the rent too low at first, thus not retiring the stock as rapidly as was advisable. This, with the earthquake repairs, will delay the cancelling of all stock until 1918. We now need an addition and some large improvements to make the house adequate to all requirements. Then the chapter as a chapter doesn't own a single share of stock, so has no representative on the board of directors. It is most desirable for the chapter to own at least one share, but so far we have not raised the necessary \$100.

The house has a fine location, with plenty of ground, a good garden, a tennis court, and a small house for our two Japanese servants. On the first floor are reception hall, living room, den, dining room, kitchen, and pantries, one bedroom (formerly a chapter room) and a sun-parlor. On the second floor there are six bedrooms, ample closets, two lavatories, and a bath. On the third floor are four bedrooms, a bath and a trunk room. The house comfortably accomodates eighteen girls and a chaperon. The house is heated by a furnace and lighted throughout by electricity. The house is insured for \$6,000 but is not provided with any fire escapes or preventatives.

Our chaperon, who at present is a Theta, helps and aids us by her advice, but her duties are not defined. She chaperons all social affairs and presides at the table.

The house manager is one of the active members, who receives her board and room in return for her services. Supplies are bought from local firms, from whom we receive a monthly discount of five per cent. This year we have butter and eggs direct from a ranch.

One of Phi's most merry occasions is the Christmas tree, provided by the sophomores as a surprise to the freshmen. Here everyone, particularly the freshmen, receive Christmas greetings from active and alumnae Thetas all handed out by a fat genial sophomore Santy.

On St. Valentine's day after dinner we open the box of mysterious missives which for a week has been posted up in the library.

The Martha Washington dance, given by the underclassmen each year on February 22, is not only a tradition of the chapter but has come to be one of the campus as well. One considers himself very fortunate to be the guest of the charming colonial hostesses with their powdered hair, black patches, and quaint costumes.



PSI'S CHAPTER HOUSE, MADISON, WIS.



UPSILON'S CHAPTER HOUSE, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

On chain day all Phi's alumnae are again within the circle of the chapter chain, for each is present either in person, by letter, or by anecdote.

Senior breakfast is perhaps one of the most beautiful customs of this chapter. At nine o'clock of the last Sunday morning the chapter, arrayed in white, assembles about the table radiant with red roses from our own garden. Here the seniors are toasted, hear their history, their prophecy, and are presented with their senior spoons. Then all await breathlessly the response which may come from—

"Seniors, seniors, we've been thinking
What a grand thing it would be
If, at this, your senior breakfast
You'd announce a bride-to-be!"

Katrine Fairclough

UPSILON'S HOUSE

Upsilon is buying a home for which it is paying \$10,000. This is a very reasonable price because it means a lot on a favorite residence street, near the university, a well-built frame house and a garage. The contract of sale called for \$2,500 before taking possession on May 1, 1911, to be followed by semi-annual payments of \$375 plus interest at 6 per cent on unpaid balance until 1921. When negotiations were started about January 1, 1911, there was no house fund in existence. \$2,500 was raised in five months and subscriptions for the entire amount were almost completed by the end of the year. About 60 people contributed toward the initial payment in amounts from \$5 to \$100. Approximately half of the subscriptions read for \$10 a year for ten years. This method should work no hardships upon any one but it is too early to judge whether or not the plan is entirely successful. In order to hold property a corporation was formed but the shares bear no interest.

The house has on the main floor a large reception hall, three connecting parlors, a dining room and kitchen; the second floor has five bedrooms, a bath and a sleeping porch; on the third floor are two small rooms and a ball room. The capacity is thus unlimited because the ball room would make an excellent dormitory. This year eleven Thetas are boarding in the house. With the exception that there is only one bath, the house is very adequately equipped and unusually well adapted for chapter purposes. Electric light and gas fixtures are abundant, a combination hot air and hot water system comfortably heats the house and several extra closets add to the convenience.

The style of living and quality of table board are unequaled in any of the boarding places for college girls and the cost is about the same, varying from \$25 to \$33 a month. It is a real home for the girls living there and a happy gathering place for all Thetas. As yet only a few customs have gathered about it. Town girls come to lunch on an average of once a week and all stay for a spread after chapter meeting.

When moving into the house, the chapter owned few good pieces of furniture besides a piano. From the owner of the house we purchased a dining room set, all velour draperies, lace curtains and several miscellaneous articles for \$391 with the privilege of easy payments. The chaperon is generously storing her household goods where we most need them and several Thetas are lending us rugs and pictures which add to the homelike atmosphere.

On these furnishings we carry \$500 of insurance. The insurance policy on the house is held by the former owner until its value is paid on the purchase. Extinguishers are soon to be placed in the house but there is little need of fire escapes since there are ample exits onto porches.

The entire management both social and financial is supervised by a board of alumnae. The house rules are similar to those of other chapters. The details of the running expenses (entire-

ly independent of the chapter treasury) are handled by one active and one alumnae member. The active girl collects the income from the rooms and table, deposits it in the bank, and makes out checks for all bills and then passes them to the alumnae member for counter-signing. The house pays a yearly rent of \$675 to the association which is supplemented by \$100 from Upsilon's treasury and \$10 from Beta alumnae. The boarders do no part of the housework, the chaperon serving as steward and receiving her room and board in return. Because of the long winters in this state, the greatest problem is with coal bills and it is only with careful supervision that we have been able to pay those promptly as is our custom with all bills.

The rough outline of our scheme is to have alumnae and the present active chapter buy the house and for future initiates to pledge each \$100 for a fund to be used for remodeling, repairing and furnishing. In the meantime necessary items on those accounts are being carried by the purchase fund and in a few years will be charged to the new fund.

FOUNDERS'-DAY GOOD TIMES

In Baltimore

PHI alumnae had arranged a luncheon at the Dutch Tea room, and there alumnae from Goucher, Allegheny, Swarthmore, Vanderbilt and Wisconsin, together with Alpha Delta chapter and her eight pledges, gathered. In a quaint Dutch room, lighted by an open wood fire, one long table and three small ones were set for our party.

After a scramble to identify our place cards, we settled down to a delicious menu and a discussion of affairs of fraternal interest. With the coffee came an informal toast-scheme, which included toasts of several alumnae, in verse or prose, to the four Founders of Kappa Alpha Theta; an account of Alpha

Eta's and Alpha Beta's general celebration of this day, by our affiliate from Vanderbilt, and two alumnae from Swarthmore. A suggestion to call on the pledges for an impromptu speech was downed by the startled expressions of those fraternity-innocents and the alumnae's grandmotherly solicitude for them. Nothing daunted, the same active members made another suggestion, that we sing, and this was greeted with enthusiasm. So books were passed around, and the whole party of forty joined in rendering zealously, if not artistically, *The maid of black and gold*, the *Alumnae song*, and a few other favorites.

This concluded the luncheon, and we all went back to our several tasks, feeling the happier and the more capable, after our commemoration of the day, forty-two years ago, when four college girls planted a little pansy seed which has grown and put forth blessings in the form of cheery, thoughtful pansies for so many hundreds of girls on this wonderful continent of ours.

In Indianapolis

TWO hundred members of the Indiana chapters celebrated Founder'-day with luncheon at the roof-garden of the Hume-Mansur building. Small tables, with tulips, jonquils, and ferns as favors, made a most artistic setting for the function. Mrs. Bertram Day, Pi, sang the solos. Mrs. A. D. Hitz, Beta, presided, and Mrs. A. L. Gary, Alpha, acted as toast-mistress. The toasts were: *Dropping, dropping, dropping, hear the pennies fall* (Scholarship fund) by Jeanne Crowder, Beta '12; *I'm one of the family now* by Irma Hoelscher, Alpha '15; *When we are married* by Louise Mauzy, Beta '12; *I don't know where I'm going but I'm on my way* by Helen Reed, Gamma '12, and *Auld Lang Syne* by Mrs. McDonald Robinson, Zeta alumnae.

We were greatly honored by having as guest one of our two living Founders, Mrs. Hannah Fitch Shaw.

In Seattle

ON the afternoon of Founders'-day, Mrs. Ernst, Mu, entertained the active and alumnae chapters at her home, forty being present. Mayme Hemphill Miller, president of the alumnae chapter, conducted the program. Hazel Emery Skeel, Epsilon, gave a very interesting talk on the chapter at Wooster and ended with some entirely original poetry. Helen Eegren, Alpha Lambda, sang some Theta songs. Nellie Mae Dunlap White, Alpha Lambda, talked upon *Before and after Theta in the local chapter*. Mrs. MacWhinnie, Alpha Epsilon, told about the sad conditions at Brown. Josephine Meissner, Delta, and President Gamma Beta district, gave the plans for district convention in Seattle this spring. The freshmen sang the pledgling song, and the program ended with the alumnae song. Delicious refreshments were served, the chief interest being in a huge chocolate covered cake with forty-two candles arranged in the date of founding.

In Chicago

DELTA alumnae arranged a luncheon at the Mission tea rooms in honor of Founders'-day. Psi alumnae and Tau active also celebrated by attending this function. Fifty-three Thetas, representing fifteen college chapters, were there. Sixteen girls from Tau active added much to the occasion by their enthusiasm and their assistance in the singing. We had a real Grand council member, Miss Hall, for toast-mistress. Helen Chapman, Tau, took all back to college days in her account of the things "Active Thetas" do and desire. Georgiana Gilbert, Phi, told of the joys of convention in a manner to make us all wish we had shared them. Anna Drummond, Eta, spoke of Kappa Alpha Theta and toasted the fraternity in part with the following:

K is for keepsakes so prized and so fair—
 The black and gold ribbons, the kite that we wear;
 The chain of sweet memories always kept bright
 By the songs Thetas sing and the letters they write.
 The secrets each Theta once promised to keep,
 Fraternity honor, and love fathoms deep.

A means aspirations, in school, in the world,
 When Thetas from books to life struggles are whirled;
 The unselfish wish to do good to all
 Whether Theta, or Kappa, or Tri-Delta tall;
 The hope that fraternities ever will live
 While each has a worthy, true message to give.

T and **T** is for triumphs which Thetas have gained
 College honors, decisions made clear to minds trained;
 The making of homes wherein faith and hope dwell,
 The training of children to love Theta well.
 Now you see that these letters spell **K A Θ**,
 My toast—as the toastmistress wished it to be.

Louise S. Wagner

In Toronto

A LPHA BETA alumnae gave a luncheon on Founders'-day at which Sigma's active members were guests. The loving-cup service and Theta songs added to the pleasures of this reunion.

Afterward Sigma celebrated by a party in honor of a class of small girls at the college settlement. Games and an entertainment by the guests themselves—where they volunteered to display their talents as speakers and singers—was followed by a six o'clock supper, which was by no means a small item in the children's enjoyment.

Jean Scott

In Minneapolis

FOUNDERS'-DAY brings to Upsilon, a time of deep communion with the real Theta. Our new chapter home was the center of activity, active and alumnae members meeting there at ten o'clock for the second annual meeting of the Minnesota association of Kappa Alpha Theta. After the usual pre-

liminaries, officers and standing committees gave detailed reports on their year's work in establishing the house on a working basis. A number of out-of-town Thetas were present and the house served a buffet luncheon to fifty Thetas.

In the evening, eighty Thetas banqueted at Hotel Leamington. The toastlist took the form of a jubilee over the newly acquired house. Genevieve Jackson Boughner as toastmistress told us about "The malt that lay in the house that Theta built" and then introduced "The Rat that ate the malt." After the freshman "Rat" came the sophomore "Cat that ate the Rat" and then the "Dog, the Cow, the Maiden all forlorn, the Man, the Priest and the Cock that crew in the Morn." Several not on the toastlist, among them our District president, gave talks, entirely justifying the dignity of the occasion. After singing some Theta songs we dispersed, feeling strongly all the virtue and the wisdom which our forty-two years permitted.

Marjorie Child

In Syracuse

OUR celebration really began at noon, when, after the regular luncheon, our cook sent to the table a beautiful birthday cake surrounded by blazing candles and with "1870-1912" upon its icing. Then our chaperon presented Chi a much needed set of sherbert glassés.

The formal celebration of our founding was a joint meeting of Nu alumnae and Chi. New chimes—a birthday gift to the house from the active Chis—called all to a buffet supper prepared by the alumnae. After supper each alumnae told in clever verse how she earned her dollar for our house fund. Our gathering—full of the spirit of Theta love—ended with a Theta "sing."

With Alpha Pi

WE celebrated the forty-second birthday of Kappa Alpha Theta, January 20, a week early, so as to enjoy the event with our District president, Mrs. Carpenter.

In the afternoon, we held our regular weekly meeting and it was so good to see the alumnae girls show such interest, as they have not had the opportunity to enjoy our Theta meetings this year.

At six thirty, we sat down to a beautifully appointed banquet in the banquet room of the new Commons building. The table looked so attractive with golden jonquils and candles, and the place cards were decorated with a big black and gold pansy. A large birthday cake, with a candle for each girl present, created some excitement when we hunted for the hidden ring, thimble and penny. The evening of the banquet was St. Agnes' Eve and, as it has been said that any wish made then would be sure to come true, as each girl blew out her candle she made a wish for Theta.

The chapter received several birthday gifts, among them being, a frame for the charter, pennants, a picture, a silver loving-cup, and some other useful and most acceptable gifts.

We had three alumnae with us, Faith Grinnell Conmy, Beatrice Olson and Aletta Olson, then also our honor-guest, Ruth Haynes Carpenter. Though our number was small, our hearts were filled with love and good wishes for all our Theta sisters throughout the land.

Alpha Mu's celebration

THE pledges were invited to the chapter house for dinner. The table was decorated in Theta colors, and the light fell from candles shaded with Theta shades. Between courses there were informal talks by members of the chapter. Mary Noe explained to the pledges the meaning and purpose of the celebration; Estelle Land gave a talk on Theta ideals; and Jim Wilson was called upon for advice to the freshmen. Kathryn Gentry presided. Theta songs were sung, and after dinner the girls danced.

At Nashville

FOUNDERS'-DAY always finds Alpha Eta in the midst of intermediate examinations, so this year we decided to celebrate in some simple way. At six o'clock the chapter and alumnae had a spread in the chapter house. At the end an enormous birthday cake bearing forty-two candles with "Kappa Alpha Theta 1870-1912" on it was brought in. Each girl blew out a candle and made a wish for the fraternity. Then the cake was cut and eaten while from absent alumnae birthday letters and gifts of silver, linen, china checks, and kitchen utensils were opened and rejoiced over.

Alpha Nu's initiation

ALPHA NU celebrated Founders'-day by adding four members to her family proper—initiating the four girls pledged in the fall, at the home of one of our alumnae at six o'clock, and banqueting at the Elk's new club house at nine.

We liked initiation on Theta's anniversary so much that we think we shall make it a custom here. Our first semester ends very conveniently on January 26, so there is ample time to learn the grades of the pledges.

Hazel Marshall Lyman

At Allegheny

WITH a feeling of conscious pride we pinned on our colors to commemorate the founding of Kappa Alpha Theta. In the evening we had a social time in the chapter rooms, but no formal celebration, for we were just in the midst of mid-term finals. Our formal celebration will be February 10, initiation day, when many alumnae will be here to help make the day one to stand out in the history of Mu. At that time we will have the Founders'-day service and give our gifts to Mu.

Florence M. Griswold

In Oklahoma

IT is Alpha Omicron's custom to celebrate Founders'-day with a birthday party to which we invite our patronesses. If we have any new patronesses, on that day we give them pins, with the Greek letters, K A Θ. We receive many gifts from our alumnae and friends, and the active chapter buys a piece of furniture for the house we are some day to own.

Grace Williams

Lambda's party

SINCE Founders'-day come just before mid-year examinations we are obliged to postpone our celebration until February 10. Then we will have a Theta birthday party and post-exam jubilee combined. Each girl will come in costume. The evening will begin with a regular Theta "sing". This will be followed by a "surprise supper" to which each member contributes some dainty, no one knowing what the others will bring. After the supper each girl will do a stunt to amuse the rest.

At Cornell

IOTA had the Theta alumnae in town as her guests at chapter meeting on Founders'-day. Mrs. Comstock read for us a very interesting history of the chapter, which she had written when in college, and also told us of the customs at that time. After meeting refreshments were served, and we had a good talk together before the party broke up.

Margaret Mandeville

At Stanford

PHI celebrated Founders'-day by the customary tea for all Thetas living near Stanford. A musical program by her active members was the special feature of the afternoon's pleasure.

At Champaign

DELTA always has the misfortune to be in the midst of semester examinations on Founders'-day so that she cannot indulge in any real celebration. But on that day every girl wears the Theta colors beneath her pin in token of her loyalty.

Kappa's Reunion

KAPPA celebrated our anniversary at a banquet given by her alumnae. We were greatly gratified to be so heartily greeted by the alumnae, even by some of our charter members, Mrs. Nicholson of Chicago, Miss Eidemiller of Kansas City, and Miss Gilham of Lawrence. Many out-of-town Thetas were back, 78 being present. Miss Florence Clark was toast-mistress, and Mrs. Nicholson spoke for the charter members; Mrs. Walker for the resident alumnae; Lois Harger and Amarynthia Smith for the active chapter.

Marie Hedrick

Alpha Xi's celebration

OUR Founders'-day celebration was a great success. Among those with us was Laura Anderson of Epsilon and Mrs. Sanford of Psi. We had a Theta masquerade party followed by a banquet.

In Philadelphia

ON Founders'-day Theta alumnae gave a tea at the College club, where Alpha Beta active were guests. The college chapter further celebrated by having its picture taken.

RHO'S CHAPTER HOUSE

For a little over seven years Rho has lived in the present chapter house. Today we cannot know of all the difficulties, great and small, which must have besieged the girls when everything was new. But we do know that now the house is remarkably successful.

This house is not owned by the chapter but was designed and built for us by one of the professors of the university. It is leased for three years at a time. The lease provides that we shall pay \$70 a month rent during the entire year, bear the expense of the water, heating, lighting and general repairing. The property is valued at \$10,000 and the furnishings are worth about \$900. Both house and furniture are fully insured. The rent is really our greatest burden. It is very seldom that the house is occupied during the summer months, so that is pure loss. All repairs are kept up by house funds.

At first our house was furnished by the chaperon; afterwards partly by donations of old and new furniture from alumnae and friends, partly by things brought from home by the girls, and partly by such things as were bought out of the scanty house funds. Then, too, in the early history of the house, gifts were exchanged at initiation and banquet times by the different fraternities. This custom, however, has now been abolished. At present we receive gifts from the alumnae at Christmas time, and supply our further needs from the house funds.

The house is a picturesque one of three stories. The exterior walls are covered with stucco and wood beams stained a dark brown. A large and comfortable looking porch prepares one for the breadth of the interior arrangement of the first floor. Four large rooms, the reception hall, parlor, library, and dining room, with the kitchen at the back, are on the first floor. The four large rooms are thrown together by double doorways. The wood work is of quarter-sawed oak, beautifully finished and

blending artistically with the green tinted walls of the reception hall and parlor, and the warmer yellow tints of the library and dining room. The whole arrangement is excellent for entertaining. There is a comfortable fire-place in the parlor, while off the dining room is a lavatory and cloak room combined.

This year the house is not filled and we make good use of the two extra rooms. One we use as a guest room, the other as a pressing room, where we have an electric iron and ironing board. The house is steam heated and lighted with electric light and gas. Seventeen girls are accommodated very comfortably in the house but there is room for twenty.

Heretofore we have been very fortunate in having a Theta for a chaperon. This year however, the mother of one of the girls acts as chaperon, supervising the house, planning and ordering the meals. We pay her fifteen dollars a month besides her room and board.

One of the girls acts as house treasurer. She keeps the accounts, attends to the paying of the bills, *et cetera*. We pay our cook nine dollars a week. A student waits table for his board, and we pay a man five dollars a month to tend the furnace.

Each girl keeps her own room in order. The freshmen take it week about keeping the bathroom, upper hall and stairs in order. Two girls, generally roommates, keep the down stairs rooms straightened for a week at a time, always getting Sunday evening lunch the Sunday preceding their week at the house. This year we pay six dollars and fifty cents a week for room and board. This is much cheaper than we could get it at any dormitory, and we have in addition advantages almost equal to those of our own private homes. We find that twelve girls are all that are necessary to run the house without deficit.

As to house rules we find that the fewer we have the better, because too many rules cause trouble. All the girls are to be in the house at 10:30 except in the case of theater or party en-

gements. No callers are allowed on college nights. The house must be quiet for study at 7:30.

Rho has a few individual customs of which she is very fond. Just before Christmas vacation we have a Christmas tree. All alumnae in the state are invited. We always provide presents for everyone, generally some take-off or joke. At initiation and banquet time the house girls vacate the house and turn it over to the alumnae for two days, the girls staying at the homes of the town girls. The freshmen always give a stunt after the initiation banquet. This stunt is a great source of amusement. In the spring one of our alumnae, who lives on a farm about twelve miles from Lincoln, gives a big picnic for us. We are met at the train with a hay wagon, ride to the farm and spend the whole day there.

Our favorite custom is the Appendage. This is a book composed of jokes, poems, pranks, sayings, written by the girls about the happenings of the whole year. It is always very funny and is read at the last fraternity meeting of the year.

Every other Sunday is what we call "open Sunday." The university men call on these days, making the rounds of the sorority houses. We find it a very enjoyable way of getting acquainted with university people.

Ruth Lindley

ALPHA THETA'S HOUSE

Alpha Theta owns a lot worth \$2,500. It was paid for by the girls signing \$25 notes, and by individual subscriptions. We also own furniture valued at about \$2,000. This has been obtained through the treasury and as gifts from the members and alumnae. On it we carry \$750 insurance.

Our chapter house is leased from June 16, 1911, to June 16, 1913, by which date we hope to have our own house. The rent is \$75 per month from October through June, and \$55 per

month from July to October. We have the privilege of sub-renting the house during the summer and Christmas holidays. Its value is about \$15,000. The repairs and up-keep are made by the owner, but several girls have re-papered their rooms, and re-painted the woodwork at their own expense.

The rent comes out of the dues and board. The girls living outside of the house are assessed fifty cents per month for house expenses. Our summer rent is met by dues and sub-rent. We do not find this high rate a great burden when the house is full. There are no fire escapes nor fire preventatives provided.

The house is a large two story frame painted colonial yellow with white columns and trimmings. A very wide veranda extends across the south, west, and north sides. Upstairs, the southwest end of it, by means of large Japanese shades, has been converted into a sleeping-porch. On the first floor there are two bedrooms, the parlor, library, dining room, kitchen, and two halls, one of which is a sort of sitting room; there is also a back porch connected by stairs with one above. On the second floor there are six bedrooms, two baths, a study, and two halls, with the wide veranda as below. Sixteen girls and the chaperon can be accommodated comfortably.

The lot is small, but quite pretty. The narrow spaces between the house and cemented walks are sodded, and there is a row of elms on each side of the avenue. In the back yard is a very large and beautiful oak.

The house management is in the hands of the chaperon, and the house president. The girls in the house have regular meetings to decide questions relating to it, such as expenses and the allotment of certain duties to certain girls for periods of two weeks at a time. Our chaperon, at present, is the mother of one of our girls. She supervises the care of the house and servants, orders all the supplies at wholesale prices, and makes out the menus.

In return she gets her board and lodging and pays but five

dollars per month for that of her daughter. We keep two servants regularly and employ a third on extra occasions. Each girl is responsible for the care of her own room. The house president handles all the house funds, and pays the bills. She also arranges for the comfort of guests, and enforces the following rules:—

1. The house must be quiet after eight o'clock at night.
2. All callers must leave the house by ten-thirty on Saturday and Sunday nights, and by eight on all other nights.
3. Girls may have engagements only so long as they keep their work up to a C average, and forfeit their rights to go out until such deficiencies are made up.
4. All girls who come down to breakfast five minutes late shall be fined five cents.
5. No one shall come to the table in a kimono.
6. Rooms must be in order by ten o'clock in the morning; a fine of five cents shall be imposed upon failure to comply with this rule.
7. Lights must be turned off at eleven o'clock when they flash, and only when absolutely necessary and for the most serious study shall any one keep her light on later.

Among our house customs is a tea given to the ladies of the faculty and our mothers in the early spring when we can use quantities of bluebonnets, rain-lilies, and other wild flowers for decoration. Then during the first week after the Christmas holidays the freshmen arrange a Christmas tree party. All the girls put very simple and funny things on the tree for each other. Each class gives something nice to the house on this night, and we have all sorts of stunts, and good things to eat. On Founders'-day the freshmen give a show to which the upper classmen go, dressed in all sorts of comical costumes. The seats are arranged in rows, with "box-seats" and a "peanut gallery" in the rear. The programs are printed (generally by hand) and the advertisements are jokes on the girls. In the spring all the girls and available alumnae have a camping picnic on some stream near Austin. We spend a night and day. Each one takes her bathing suit, and is thoroughly comfortable in middies, short skirts, and tennis shoes.

Fannie Preston



OMEGA'S CHAPTER HOUSE, BERKELEY, CAL.

KAPPA ALPHA THETA AT OREGON

Alpha Xi is at present living in a leased house, its value, combined with the lot on which it stands, being \$8,600. We pay about 12% interest on this money, or \$1,000 a year. The lease runs for seven years. This is undoubtedly too much interest to pay but at the time when we took the lease it was very hard to get any one to risk money on property the value of which depended on the university.

The value of our furnishings is estimated at \$600, not including the furniture of each girl's private room which she supplies herself. The piano and curtains were obtained on the installment plan, a small payment being made each month.

Our alumnae have helped us greatly in furnishing our house. Part of the money which goes for house furnishings comes out of the regular chapter dues, but the greater part comes from the seniors, each of whom at graduation leaves five dollars for the furniture fund. On Founders'-day all the active girls give one dollar to this fund.

The lease provides that the landlord pay for all weathering and natural wear, while we are responsible for such things as broken pipes and painting of the floors. As most of the girls sleep on the third floor, it is to be deplored that there is no protection against fire.

Our house contains nineteen rooms, ten of which are bedrooms. The sleeping porch is on the third story and accommodates ten girls. Our lavatory conveniences are inadequate because we have but one bath, one shower, four basins and two toilets. The house is heated by steam and lighted by electricity. Our dining room, front hall, living room, and library are all connected by folding doors. This is very convenient when we entertain as it gives ample room for dancing. A homelike effect is given to our large living room by window seats and fireside cozy corners. The fire-place is at the end of the room on a plat-

form raised about four inches ; this is a very attractive arrangement to vary the monotony of a large room.

Our house will hold comfortably twenty girls.

Our present chaperon is also our house manager, as we found that a college girl had not the time to devote to so difficult an undertaking. We pay our chaperon \$25 a month plus board and room. One of the girls, however is steward ; she collects the board and pays the bills. No merchants in Eugene sell at wholesale prices, and so all supplies used by the chapter are purchased retail, however, with fraternity reduction.

The board is \$25 a month. In case of a deficit a tax is imposed on the girls residing in the house.

Three servants are employed ; one boy who waits on table, working for board and room. Our meals are much better than those served at the dormitories, but our board is a trifle higher. With fifteen girls this semester our finances are in good condition. Our experience with the girls managing the entire house was not very successful and we think our present system excellent.

The under classmen do the dusting and sweeping of living rooms, and each girl takes care of her own room.

The Panhellenic association has house rules which all the national fraternities follow, though in one or two instances we have house rules that are a little stricter. The rules are rather stringent for a college of this size but all the girls honorably observe them. These rules apply to guests in the house as well as to the fraternity girls.

To her graduates, Alpha Xi customarily gives a silver teaspoon, to her brides, a berry spoon, and to Theta babies, either a napkin ring or a teaspoon. Prior to their departure for home in December, the girls celebrate with an annual Christmas tree, to which only the house mother and Thetas come. Each girl is assigned by lot the name of the Theta to whom she must give her gift (of course she may present as many other gifts as she

chooses) the price of the allotted gift not to exceed twenty-five cents.

The Tuesday morning before Commencement, a "Theta Breakfast" is held. A special effort is made by the active chapter to secure the presence of as many of the alumnae as possible. The juniors have charge of this breakfast. Any engaged girls usually announce the fact at this affair by the presentation of a five pound box of sweets, a gift from the fiancée.

WHERE KAPPA LIVES

For eight years Kappa has leased, by the year, a house valued at \$6,000, paying \$55 a month rent. Our furnishings are worth about \$1,000 and are insured for \$500. Part of them were given us by alumnae, others were bought from time to time by the chapter, and still others were left by individual girls. The owner of the house pays for repairs and the chapter for light, heat and water. Our payments are very easy to make from the room rent, which is \$7 a week for every one.

Formerly our house was adequate for our needs, but the chapter has outgrown its surroundings. The house is a mediocre frame one, built rather for a residence than for a chapter house, having four rooms on the first floor, five on the second and three on the third. The bedrooms are small. The house was built to accommodate only thirteen girls and chaperon. At the present time, however, we have fourteen girls in the house and two more who could come in if there was room for them. Our entertaining is done in the living room, dining room and den. The house is lighted by electricity and has always been heated by natural gas, until recently the pressure has become so low, that of necessity we put coal in the furnace. We have been enduring these inconveniences for the past four years, because there is no better house to be rented. We have been saving money for a house fund and we expect to be in our new house next fall, though at present, we have no definite plans.

Our chaperon has no duties other than those of chaperon, with the exception of dusting the living room. We have a house manager, who receives her board for her services. The girls have no financial obligations other than room rent and board, board being \$4.25 a week. We have two servants, a cook and waiter, who attends to the furnace, walks and porches, and sweeps the downstairs every morning. A cleaning woman comes once a week. At all other times, the members themselves attend to their rooms. Our supplies are bought both wholesale and in small quantities. Our meals are as near like home meals as could be expected, being far above those of the boarding houses. Seventeen girls for meals and thirteen girls living in the house are needed to run it without deficit. We have never had a deficit and have often made one or two hundred dollars during the year.

Our house rules are those of Student council. All engagements, other than dance or theater engagements, must close at ten-thirty. There are no week night engagements except with out-of-town men or theater engagements. The house is quiet after eight o'clock for those who wish to study or sleep. We have a house committee to enforce these rules. Each freshman has what is called a fraternity mother, a senior girl who is her adviser in all perplexing times and who is responsible for the freshman's good behavior. This plan has proved very successful. In order to keep the downstairs free from books and wraps and such things, we have adopted the "pound" and the "pound-keeper" is elected as any other officer. It is her duty to seize upon all such articles, and not to deliver any article without first having received five cents from the owner. If the articles are not called for within a certain length of time, an auction is held. All the money goes into the house fund. Every Sunday night two of the girls serve tea to the rest of the chapter.

Of our annual customs, the freshmen Katsup come first. This is a little farce given at the chapter house to the upper-

classmen and alumnae. Next comes the Christmas dinner-dance which is distinctive in that it is carried out just as a real dinner-dance, with men buzzing around filling out programs and all. But its real significance is the fact that it is the announcement party for all engaged Thetas. Sometime in the spring the underclassmen give the upperclassmen a house dance. Once a year we entertain each fraternity with a dinner party and in like manner, the faculty in groups of six and eight. It has also been our custom to entertain the chaperons at dinner for our chaperon. Every other year we entertain all sororities and fraternities and a certain number of non-fraternity friends with a formal dance.

Marie Hedrick

KAPPA ALPHA THETA'S SYRACUSE HOME

Chi rents a house valued at about \$12,000, for which she pays \$650 a year in nine installments of \$72.22 a month, thus we do not have any summer rent problem. We pay also the light and water taxes but the landlord does all repair work. We own furniture to the value of about \$1,500. The first furnishings were purchased on the installment plan and we still hear tales of "that awful Rosenbloom bill." Since then the furniture has mostly been given us by alumnae, with an occasional purchase from the chapter treasury.

Each girl pays regular board and room rent, as at any boarding house, and, if all the rooms are filled, there is no difficulty in meeting payments. Once or twice, owing to illness, the house has not been quite full and a small assessment upon the whole chapter has been necessary at the end of the year.

The house is a three story, frame building, consisting of a large reception hall, parlor, library, dining-room, kitchen, ten sleeping-rooms, and two baths. It accommodates very comforta-

bly sixteen girls, beside the chaperon and two maids. It is heated by hot air and provided with both gas and electricity, although at present we use only the latter.

The chaperon has general supervision over the housekeeping ; ordering the meals, buying supplies, attending to the linen and so forth. She also presides at meals, is present at all parties for at least a part of the evening, and meets all guests at the house. We have been very fortunate in securing cultured and refined women who were very capable managers.

The house is managed by one of the girls, who is elected in May with the other officers, but takes up her duties in September. She receives a rebate of one dollar a month on her room rent. She has charge of receiving all money, paying bills, and transacting all business in connection with the house. Separate accounts are kept of the money received for board and for room rent. We pay \$3.50 per week for board and out of this are paid the bills for table supplies, servant's wages, and kitchen coal. Room rent ranges from \$1.50 to \$2.00 according to size and location of room and this pays house rent, light, water, and laundry bills, and part of the chaperon's salary, and furnace coal bill. The chapter treasury pays the balance of the chaperon's salary, and part of initiation fees are applied on the coal bill. Supplies are purchased mostly from a wholesale house. In addition to the chaperon, we employ a cook, a second girl, and a man—usually a college student—to care for the furnace, walks, and lawn. The girls care for their own rooms except for sweeping, which the maid does once a week.

As for our living, we think it far superior to that in the dormitories and boarding houses. Our meals, we know, are much better than in the dormitories and compare very favorably with those in other chapter houses. Then there is the great advantage of a home-like life.

According to the university rule, each house is in charge of a senior House president, whose duty it is to see to the observ-

ance of the rules for house government, given by the university, and report all continued cases of infraction to the Women's league board. These rules are the same as those governing the dormitories and regulate study and calling hours, parties and so forth. In addition to these, we have rules of our own in regard to care of the house, use of the pianos, and similar things.

Each girl provides her own bedding and it has become a custom to leave it for the house, when we graduate. In the fall we bring back canned fruit and pickles, as they give a more home-like touch to the meals. After spring vacation we usually bring two dish towels apiece.

We carry a fire insurance policy of \$1,000 on our furniture, the premium on which is payed from the chapter treasury. After much effort, we have this year succeeded in persuading the landlord to give us a fire escape, which we have long needed.

The house is getting old and worn, so that a noise in one corner can be heard everywhere. Then, too, the location is not as desirable as it has been and the house will not accommodate quite all of the girls. For these reasons, although we are thankful for what we have, we are straining every effort and economizing wherever possible, in the hope that we may soon own a house of our own.

Bessie Wands

WHERE BETA DWELLS

Our house is leased for three years at \$66 a month. The house is valued at \$8,000, furniture at \$1,000.

A great deal of the furniture has been donated by the alumnae, part of it has been paid for by the house fund. Each year the freshmen and seniors give the house a gift, usually a piece of furniture.

Extensive repairs are paid for by the owner, but small ones

are made by the house manager. Although we can meet the rent each month without difficulty we feel that we ought to be paying this money on a home of our own.

We are carrying an insurance of \$1,000. We have no fire escape but have two stairways leading down to the first floor.

The house is separated from the campus only by a drive or wide lane, and together with the Kappa Kappa Gamma and Delta Gamma houses, and a few faculty homes makes up what is called *Forest Place*, one of the prettiest parts of the campus. We have a large front lawn which serves admirably for garden parties. The house has twelve rooms, five on the first floor, six on the second, and a small dormitory on the third. We have two baths, one for ourselves and one for the servants. The house is heated with hot air and lighted with electricity. Eighteen girls, a chaperon and servants can be comfortably accommodated. Probably the greatest inconvenience is that we have but one bathroom for the girls' use.

The chaperon takes a personal interest in all the girls' affairs: chaperons dances and dinners, sees that university and house rules are kept; and acts as an adviser to the girls. Mrs. Paufl, our present chaperon, has been with us nearly two years and fills her position most efficiently and graciously.

Each year, one girl is chosen house manager. Her duties are to collect house dues and room rent; pay all house bills, including rent and coal. Each member of the chapter, town girls as well as those living in the house, pay \$1.50 a month as house dues. The girls in the larger rooms pay \$1.75 each for room rent; those in the smaller, \$1.50, and those on the third floor, seventy-five cents. The house manager is given her room rent for her services. Another of the girls is elected table manager. Her duties are to collect board, \$3.50 a week, to make out menus, employ a cook, buy groceries and oversee all matters concerning the dining room and kitchen. She is given her board.

We employ a colored man and his wife whom we pay \$12 a week. He keeps the house clean, attends to the furnace and does all the heavy work; she cooks and does the lighter part of the house work. We have two student waiters who receive their board for their services.

Breakfast is served from 7:15 to 8:00; lunch at 12:00; dinner at 5:30. Under the present management we have splendid meals. The table manager buys at wholesale as much as possible.

With eighteen in the house and ten or twelve who room outside but board at the house, we are able to meet all expenses. The management of the house is not a difficult one. Of course it is very important to choose for house manager a good business girl who is conscientious and persistent in her efforts to secure the most for the least money.

Our own social rules are subordinate to those of the university. We are very strict in enforcing both. Each upperclassman considers it her personal duty to obey them herself, and and to see that the underclassmen do. The university rules are: men can call only after two in the afternoon and must leave at 10:30; no men are received on Monday and Thursday nights; the girls cannot be down-town without escorts after nine o'clock; there is no dancing except on Friday and Saturday nights and Saturday afternoons; all social functions, large or small, must be chaperoned; there must be no driving after dark. Our own rules are that the lights must be out at eleven o'clock; all rooms must be in order at one o'clock; room rent for the term must be paid within two weeks after registration; study hours are observed from one to four except Saturdays and Sundays.

ALPHA OMICRON'S HOME

Alpha Omicron has lived in the same house ever since the installation of the chapter, yet it is only by courtesy that we may be said to have a chapter house. We neither own nor lease, but only rent rooms. We possess a few pieces of furniture, many pictures, adequate china, and a supply of silver unusual for beginners. We go outside for our meals to a place about half a block away, but if a visitor comes to our table as if it were in a boarding house, or smiles at Mrs. Bradley as if she kept boarders, there will be disclosures. We are not likely to change our arrangements for eating as long as Mrs. Bradley will keep us. In addition to the bedrooms upstairs, we rent the parlor on the first floor and use it for meetings and initiations, as well as for social purposes. We have the freedom of the library, reception room, and dining room when we entertain.

The house is large and roomy, and faces the campus on the south. It belongs to ex-President Boyd, and if he and his family return next year they will probably want it themselves. We do not like to think of giving it up. The fine bedrooms on the second floor will hold ten or twelve, and are usually just comfortably full. The house is lighted by electricity and heated by hot water. It seems to us that our arrangement is in many ways very pleasant. We have a desirable location and residence with the minimum of worry and responsibility. Our expense is above the average but not so great, according to our figures, as it would be if our small chapter tried to support an independent establishment.

Mrs. Felgar, who rents the rooms to us this year, is the wife of the Dean of the School of engineering, and has been our patroness for a long time. We were not so fortunate last year and the year before but we could wish our sister chapters no better luck than they should have a chaperon, or house-mother, as kind and gracious and hospitable as Mrs. Felgar. She en-

forces a few rules very firmly,—as the ten-thirty rule for instance, and the rule about mid-week engagements. She is consulted very freely by the girls on all sorts of questions.

The house rules are very simple and broad; they add only a few details to the chaperon's list. The ten-thirty rule is the hardest one to keep.

Alpha Omicron is hardly old enough to have social traditions and customs. We have a picnic supper on the Wednesday of commencement week, private and very much Theta. We love it dearly, but it is emotionally rather trying. We used to give one formal dance a year, usually in the spring, but the idea has lately fallen into some disrepute. By far the most interesting social activity of ours is the "First Wednesday." Once a month we receive all our friends, including the faculty, and serve tea or some other light refreshment. We are always glad for visitors from other chapters to come on that day.

Adelaide Loomis

KAPPA ALPHA THETA'S DEPAUW HOME

This is only the second year that Alpha has rented and managed her own fraternity house. Before that time we rented our house from our chaperon, who owned most of the furnishings, and who managed our table. Then came the idea that other fraternities were prospering in their house management; why could we not do the same?

We now have a house, leased for three years. We pay \$650 per year, on property valued at \$7,500. We have been rather fortunate in renting a house which so fittingly suits a fraternity's purpose. Our house is built on the square plan, having a large front porch both up stairs and down. Our kitchen and dining room are in the basement. The basement plan is good in every case except in entertaining when it is very inconvenient for serving. On our first floor are parlors,

library and the chaperon's room; and we have two full story sleeping floors above. Our bedrooms are large and airy, making them very desirable for both sleeping and study. Our only bathroom is on the second floor, though we have lavatories both on first and third floors.

We have our alumnae and the active chapter to thank for our furnishings. The alumnae responded most heartily with donations, which we are thankful to say, have not ceased coming. Nearly all of the girls living in the house brought furnishings for their own rooms, and other active girls helped pay for the larger pieces of furniture. The Alpha alumnae club and chapter made great efforts to help us.

Our table is managed by a stewardess who receives her board for her work. Supplies are bought both retail and wholesale, but primarily wholesale. Our house is managed by the fraternity treasurer, who attends to the room rent, and general house expenditures. We have found that in order to keep all accounts straight, any girl buying material for the house must have a blank signed by the treasurer before a charge will be granted by any merchant in town. Twenty-four girls may live comfortably in the house, that is, with two girls in each room; and nineteen are necessary that we make expenses.

Our chaperon is the mother of one of the girls, and she is truly the mother to the entire chapter. She is our competent nurse in sickness and the careful overseer of the house. She sees that rules are kept and lends the motherly influence to our girls, so needed by all girls away from home.

Our house is heated with a hot water plant, and lighted with electricity. We use gas for cooking. This year we have only four servants who do the work in the kitchen and dining room, and care for the furnace. We have tried a new plan for taking care of the rest of the house. We elect a house manager for each semester, who in turn selects two girls to do the cleaning for one week in the parlors, and one girl for each

of the up stairs halls. This saves the extra expense of a house maid and does not over work any one girl.

So far, we have just about made expenses, with enough over to buy little necessities in the dining room and kitchen. We feel that we have been successful in our new undertaking.

SEATTLE'S THETA HOUSE

By the terms of our lease we pay \$1,200 a year rental for three years on a house built especially for us by our own plan and valued at about \$13,500. The house has an outside enclosed stairway instead of a fire escape and is kept in repair by the owner. The downstairs furniture we bought on the installment plan and the girls furnished their own rooms. The alumnae and active girls have given the house many presents and each year the alumnae give one large gift, until now we consider the furniture worth carrying \$1,200 insurance. The rent is not a burden if there are a sufficient number of girls living at the house but the chief difficulty has always been with the summer rent.

The house has ten bedrooms, two baths, and five rooms and a hall for living and entertainment on the first floor. It is heated with hot water, lighted by electricity, and accommodates eighteen girls very comfortably. We are especially well pleased with the sleeping porch, the gas heater attached to the hot water tank, the speaking tubes to each floor, the large shirt-waist boxes in each room, the den which can be shut off from the rest of the house, and the straight stretch of the living room, dining room, and sun parlors with folding doors between, so that it gives a splendid place for dancing yet each room can be shut off when desired.

We are very fortunate in having a Theta as chaperon. She is considered as one of us and is included in all our plans and entertainments. She makes out the menus, manages the

servants, enforces house rules, and receives her room and board and \$15 a month for her services.

The house manager is one of the house girls elected the same as other officers and receiving no pay. Supplies are bought at retail but restaurant prices are given by prominent firms. Active town girls pay a house tax of \$2 a month and house girls pay \$25 a month for room and board. A Jap and his wife do all the work except the care of the bedrooms which is done by the individual girls. The meals and the atmosphere of the house are much superior to that found in the dormitories and boarding houses because of the attempt to make it as much like a home as possible. The house can be run without trouble if there are seventeen or more living in it and it has been done by careful managing with as low as thirteen or fourteen.

According to house rules no callers are allowed on school nights except by special permission and they must leave at 10:30 on all nights except Sunday when it is half an hour earlier. The girls tell the chaperon where they are at all times. Study hours are from seven thirty to ten. On Sundays all the members of the fraternity try to be together from six to seven. There is open meeting once a month to which alumnae and pledges are especially invited. Each Alpha Lambda bride is given a half dozen Theta spoons. Fraternities are allowed to give three formal parties a year on dates obtained by faculty permission. Each fraternity gives a formal reception to alumnae, faculty, and students when it moves into a new house. We entertain the mothers early each fall, have a Christmas tree celebration, a breakfast for the seniors, and at least one alumnae meeting at the house each year.

ALPHA MU'S HOME

Alpha Mu's chapter house is leased. The price is \$720 a year, which we pay in nine monthly installments of \$80 each. The house is valued at \$5,000, the furnishings at \$2,500.

Three years ago, February 1909, when our chapter was installed and the need for chapter house furnishings felt, some things were bought and paid for in installments. Each year since then we have bought at the beginning of each year the furnishings we consider necessary, and have paid on the bill each month out of the monthly dues. In the matter of furnishing the house with needed linens and useful and decorative articles we have been fortunate in receiving such things from our friends and patronesses. The upkeep of the house is managed by the owner, who lives next door. He is very agreeable about the matter, and we are reasonable in our requests. Only recently he tinted the walls and re-finished the woodwork in two downstairs rooms. The rent we do not find a burden, and the plan is very successful. The owner carries fire insurance on the house, and we carry it on our furniture.

There are five rooms and bath on second floor, and three bedrooms and two trunk rooms on the third floor. There is also a bathroom on the first floor. The house is heated by hot air and lighted by electricity. Fourteen girls and a chaperon are easily accommodated. Downstairs we have, besides the dining room and a small reception hall, two front rooms, which are furnished as living rooms, and used for entertaining. We would not recommend a first floor bathroom to others planning a chapter house; and one point in which our house is deficient and which we greatly regret, is the absence of a back stairway.

The chaperon is the dignified head of our chapter, and gives our life the flavor of home. She stands for dignity and order, sees that the rules of the house and of the university are

properly observed. She gives a homelike atmosphere to the house by seeing that the duties of the servants are properly discharged, and presides over our functions, besides helping the girls in their perplexities.

We have a commissary,—one of our active girls—who has charge of the house management, including the two servants. She attends to all the buying and ordering of the household supplies, and for this she receives her board—fifteen dollars a month. Almost all the supplies are bought at retail.

Each girl pays twenty-two dollars a month for her room and board. No especial duties are assumed by the members themselves. We tried the plan of having one girl to act as housekeeper, but it was found that servants did better when under the sole direction of the commissary.

The meals served at the house lack the variety of those in the college dormitories, but they are of a wholesome and nourishing character. Chapter house life is far preferable to that in the dormitories. By working together, we find that better results are obtained than in places where accommodations are already provided. The house runs nicely with fifteen girls and as a rule is no burden to the members.

Our house rules are brief, and supplementary to those already laid down by the Women's council. They include such specifications as quiet after eight o'clock on college nights, when the piano is silenced; no couple allowed to leave the house after nine o'clock.

EDITORIALS

CHAPTER HOUSE life is generally deemed one ideal condition for fraternity existence. We hope the glimpses at chapter house life and problems in this issue may not only make for broader knowledge of sister chapters, but also may suggest new ways to deal with old problems, and may encourage other chapters to plan for a home. In these days of complex college life, our alumnae could give no better service to alma mater and fraternity alike than the provision of ideal housing conditions for a group of students, such as the college chapter. We are yet far from the attainment of ideal chapter homes. A chapter house furnished—however scantily—only with things of quality and taste, presided over by the proper type of chaperon, can do more for culture, for future beautiful individual home-making, for genuine noble womanhood, than can any other one thing in the college environment. The helpfulness of such a home is not limited to the chapter members either, but subtly affects the atmosphere and tone of the student body. Alumnae, here is your opportunity! When we read how much a few groups of alumnae have done along these lines, we realize how little most of us have done, even when we have engineered the building of a chapter house, which after all is only a house, quite a different thing from a home.

When a great university like Wisconsin, or Minnesota, builds a beautiful, tastefully equipped women's building as a cultural element of its curriculum, it sets us an example we should not be slow to follow. Are our chapter houses tastefully furnished? Are the walls adorned with good pictures—or with posters? Does the piano respond to good music—or merely to rag-time? Are there books and magazines of literary value—or just text books—in the chapter library? Alumnae, it is up to you to see that Theta's chapter houses can satisfactorily answer such questions. Will you live up to this opportunity for service of deep significance, of almost limitless influence?

FOUNDERS'-DAY was, this year, a time of reunion and fellowship for alumnae and actives alike. We are glad to give space to the reports of these celebrations, only regretting that the necessary postponement of some celebrations until after mid-year examinations, and the failure of other reports to reach the office before the magazine had to go to press, leaves the record incomplete. Noteworthy are the joint reunions in the cities where both college and alumnae chapters exist. Fortunate were the five Indiana chapters in having one of our Founders, Mrs. Shaw, as guest-of-honor. Sigma's sharing of her pleasure with the children was full of the spirit of service. Alpha Eta's housewarming and Upsilon's first celebration in her own home signalize two great fraternity achievements of the past year.

SEVENTEEN of our chapters, more than half, are now enjoying chapter house life. Six of these chapters own their houses, though not one of them is as yet free of all debt. One other, Alpha Theta, owns a lot (free of debt) and will build its home very soon now. Still another, Alpha Eta, has solved the problem where large resident membership makes a chapter house impracticable, by building a most attractive bungalow lodge. It is probable that the fraternity has never realized the value of its property: \$80,000 is a fair estimate for the real estate, while furnishings and personal property (many chapters, not owning their houses, do own excellent furnishings) are—judging from insured values—worth \$20,000 more.

A COLLEGE CHARTER has just been granted to T. B. D. of the University of South Dakota. Plans for installation will be announced later. We extend the heartiest greetings to this group of faithful workers, soon to become Theta sisters.

ONE CHAPTER HOUSE owned by the fraternity, Psi's home, is not represented in this issue, as article did not arrive. We regret this omission, as we regret the absence of four chapter letters, which failed to arrive.

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January Journals: Reports have reached the Editor that the cuts (4 pages) were omitted from a number of copies. Upon request to the Editor such defective copies will be replaced by complete ones so long as the edition holds out.

EXCHANGES

An hour or so spent with our Exchanges makes evident the universal editorial duty of giving advice. Weary of attempting this function, your Editor recommends for your careful study the following bits of wisdom from our contemporaries.

The success of any undertaking depends upon the enthusiasm put into it by individuals. It often happens that the unbounded faith of one person gives an impetus to some new movement, but the ultimate success of the movement depends upon the enthusiasm and co-operation of several. The life of each chapter depends for its vigor upon the enthusiasm each member brings into the chapter. While every girl has many interests, her fraternity ought to bear a very important place in her life—for the chapter needs her interest and enthusiasm and the fraternity needs it.

In a recent magazine article two prominent characteristics of the American temperament were cited as "Devotion to duty for duty's sake" and "a resolute determination to persevere to the end in any undertaking." Surely these two characteristics are most necessary in fraternity life. There are always a few persons ready to take more than their share of burdens. We find this especially true in the committee work in clubs of any sort. There are always a few who find fault with the way things are done. If these few would practice "devotion to duty for duty's sake" they would find less time to criticise others, and the burden-bearers would be relieved of part of their load, thus distributing responsibility.

If perseverance is an individual characteristic, then it will be with special pride that we help our chapter push any undertaking which the fraternity starts.—A X Ω Lyre.

Does scholarship mean anything to you? Is it not the most important part of your college work? When you planned your college course, was not *scholarship* the all important end in view? Why then is it that so many students plan other phases of college life first and relegate scholarship to the rear?—Σ Φ Ε.

The girl who lives for the first time in a fraternity house has an entirely new problem to solve. In her home town she has chosen for her friends girls of tastes and habits similar to her own, and has had little to do with those who did not appeal to her. She now has to adapt herself to a house full of girls brought up under different circumstances,

with different habits, different aims in life, and, perhaps, even different conceptions of right and wrong. Many of the girls, too, as she discovers upon closer acquaintance, have traits of character, or little habits which are particularly distasteful to her. Many things are done which to her may seem incomprehensible or even wrong. Some of the members have little in common with each other, and, most of all, she finds that she, herself, is becoming critical and is inclined to judge and condemn her sisters.

This is a critical stage. The high ideals of sisterhood and the sacred initiation vows are in danger of either being forgotten or else being thought of as beautiful but impractical dreams. The girl is likely to become harsh and severe in judgment, unsympathetic and suspicious. If she is popular and a natural leader, she may gather around herself a little group of followers with whom she will associate exclusively, while her relations to the other girls may be of the most superficial nature.—*A X Ω Lyre.*

Right here, I would like to mention the advisability of having as many members as possible from the town in which your chapter is situated. I can not tell you what infinite aid our town alumnae have been to Sigma. We consult them on every occasion; we go to them with our joys and sorrows; and they in return give us sound, wise council and inestimable help.—Chapter letter in *X Ω, Eleusis.*

This is for the alumnae primarily. Are you actively or passively interested in your fraternity. No doubt you are unswerving to yourself, "actively interested." Of course you want us to succeed. We all wish that. But do you, now that you are out of school and perhaps far away from your Alma Mater, ever do anything to help us succeed? As a matter of fact, have you ever thought about it at all seriously? Haven't you unconsciously taken it for granted that your chapter understands you are interested, and would be glad to do something, if you had the task pointed out to you? Isn't it a bit strange that an active chapter, less than half of whose members know you, should understand you so well that your silence means to them interest? Did you ever wonder why a chapter feels weak when a number of its members either graduate or fail to return to school? Why does it feel that these members are lost to it, and then it must exert extra effort to put the chapter back where it stood before this loss took place? Has not this feeling been brought about by the alumnae and those who do not return to school, and is it not due to a lack of interest and loyalty on their part? The interest and loyalty are merely passive. If this is true in your case, are you

not trying to justify the condition in your own mind, by the complaint that the girls do not write you often to tell what is going on? They don't pay you as much attention as you feel you deserve; they don't ask your advice as often as they should, etc., indefinitely. Isn't it a bit hard on an active chapter to struggle to keep up the standard of their chapter, and to keep its alumnae interested and informed? Are there not any number of ways in which you can help the chapter and let them know that some one feels interested in them and wants them to succeed? Have you ever sent them greetings of any sort? or a picture or a pillow for their rooms? Have you ever told them of a prospective new member?—A O II *To Dragma*.

Province conventions are valuable for three reasons; first, because they bring out with clearness the problems confronting the several chapters and suggest solutions for the same; second, because they provide ways and means for handling business beyond the ability of any one of the chapters to cope with; and, thirdly, because they create enthusiasm for the real work of the fraternity by making men interested in that work by giving them a part of it to do.—Σ X, *Quarterly*.

In connection with the adoption of a standard badge, it would seem wise that some provision should be made whereby each initiate should be furnished with a pin by the chapter. It not infrequently happens that initiates are without badges for some time after they become members of the fraternity. There are usually some members of each entering class who are financially able to secure expensive pins at once, and such pins are frequently ordered by them before the purchaser has been initiated. There are also usually other members of the same class who are unable to purchase similar pins at the time, and consequently defer any action until some future time when they feel they may be able to secure a pin equal to that worn by their classmates. Any attempt to discourage such action is merely an attempt to change the course of human nature. There is a keen sense of pride in the initiate who has been honored by membership in the fraternity, and any effort to allay such pride is futile. In such cases, which are common in the experience of nearly every chapter, arises the necessity of a standard uniform badge, to be furnished by the chapter at the time of initiation.—Φ K Ψ, *Shield*.

SCHOLARSHIP

The relation of the fraternity and the college is a subject that has been widely discussed by college authorities and by the organizations as well. Much has been said upon this subject and perhaps nothing new can be added, but there is one phase of the subject upon which it might be well to place a little more emphasis.

In the effort to develop fraternity members into what is commonly termed "the all-round-type" of college women, are we not apt to lay too much stress on the importance of membership in too many college organizations at one time? A young woman of a reasonable amount of ability is urged by her chapter to go into some half dozen organizations. Each of these organizations makes a heavy demand upon her time. There are dramatic rehearsals, and glee club rehearsals and numerous committee meetings. All these things detract from the main issue—her classroom work. In consequence, the end of a semester finds conditions or failures charged to the account of these ambitious members and the chapter scholarship record suffers. It is not lack of ability to do the actual college work, but too great variety in the kind of things undertaken, that is responsible for poor scholarship. Are not the fraternities at fault in urging their members to take too active a part in college affairs aside from their books? Read over the chapter letters in any fraternity magazine and the spirit of rivalry among the Greek-letter societies for college honors and offices, is apparent in every line. Nothing is said about how many merits were earned this semester in mathematics or chemistry, but the stress is laid on the number of members on the athletic teams, the members in dramatics, in the glee clubs, and the chapter's ability as social leaders.

After all, the foundation of a chapter's life is its *scholarship*. What does it amount to, if a chapter is represented in every or-

ganization in college one year,—if it holds all the important offices and has entertained with the most elaborate ball, if the next semester finds only half of its members on the University rolls with clean records? The chapter should see to it that an individual does not make too great a division of her time and energy. College work and scholarship should come first, then—a good healthy mingling of college activities and interests. If the chapter will look to this, the well rounded college woman will be the result.

Not all the poor students in college are in the Greek-letter societies, but surely the percentage would be very much smaller if there were less emphasis placed upon prominence in college organizations and more stress were laid upon the importance of class-room work. This is not a plea for "the dig," but for a sane division of college work and play—a broad liberal training, with scholarship as a basis.

Edith D. Cockins

A THETA PARTY

In Vincennes, Indiana, on December 29, Mrs. Helen Hill Adams, Beta, gave a Theta tea at her charming Burnett heights home. The out-of-town guests were: Margaret Keiper, Gladys Martin, and Hazel Hardacre of Alpha; Cornelia Ogle and Mrs. Edith Trimble Gotshal of Beta. The resident Thetas were all there too—besides Mrs. Adams, they are: Lilian Trimble and Louise Alexander from Beta; Marguerite Nicholson from Alpha, and Leone Te Walt from Tau. It was a jolly party of ten who passed a pleasant afternoon comparing notes and hearing active chapter news.—*A. L. T.*

CHAPTER LETTERS AND ALUMNÆ
NEWS

ALPHA—DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

We have passed the first mile post this year and are home for another long vacation. December 6, we initiated our eleven freshmen: Helen Pulliam, Emily Netterville, Emily Carmichael, Dorothy Weik, Orbie Mason, Irma Hoelshur, Ehrma Green, Helen Guild, Eva Moorish, Estelle Love, and Clara Gibbs. Just a week after the Holidays we pledged Lena Tweedy and Mary Stuckey. We have had official notification that the Board of trustees have demanded a sophomore pledging for all sororities. This is a plan which our chapter has been eager to try for several years. So far no definite Panhellenic rules have been decided upon.

In our last letter we mentioned our university's campaign for a \$500,000 endowment. We are proud to say that on January 1, the endowment committee had \$42,000 above the required amount. Our second semester begins February 8, and reports state there will be a number of freshmen girls entering at that time.

1 February 1912

Hazel D. Hardacre

Mrs. Mary Ridpath Mann has returned to Chicago and may be reached at 1609 N. Jackson blvd.

Maurine Starling of Beta visited us recently.

Irene Taylor will not be able to return next semester.

Marvel Laut visited us over Founders'-day

Margaret Quayle of Oklahoma City, is spending the winter in California with her father, Bishop Quayle.

BETA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Letter not at hand on February 15, 1912.

GAMMA—BUTLER COLLEGE

We are very proud to present our pledges: Marie Peacock, Laura Harrod, Lela Duke, Helen Tipton, Ruth Cunningham, Marjory Scoggin, Marjorie Hall, Bernice Hall, Edith Evans, Beth Barr, and Beth Wilson of Indianapolis; Rose Dickerson of Elwood; and Frances Stack of Marion. The pledges are going to entertain for the upperclassmen with a dance at the home of Mrs. Sutherland on February 12.

We were very successful in our scholarship this last term. Two of our girls were given a place on the honor roll, Gwyneth Harry, having an average of 89, and Ruth Cunningham, having an average of 87 2-3. Another average was taken according to the ranking of students in their classes. On this honor roll two of the pledges, Edith Evans and Ruth Cunningham, were given a place. The averages of the women's fraternities were: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 77.86; Kappa Alpha Theta, 77.83; Pi Beta Phi, 74.09.

Professor Kenyon of the English department is the acting president, during the absence of President Howe. Professor Siddel of Princeton university is professor of English at Butler this term.

The celebration of the Founders'-day of Butler college was held February 7, on the fifty-sixth anniversary of the institution. At the chapel service in the morning, the students of the college were addressed by Mr. Scott Butler, and by Professor Paul. In the evening a dinner was given at the Claypool hotel for trustees, faculty, students, alumni, and friends of the college. Professor Kenyon presided. The speakers of the evening were President Stone of Purdue university, and President Macintosh of Wabash college.

A great many contracts have been filed for the *Butler drift*, the annual publication of the junior class. Edith Evans is the editor.

Our term dance will be held at the Woodruff club, March 9.
8 February 1912

Ethel M. Sellers

'10 Maude Boston is recovering rapidly from a serious illness.

'12-ex Helen Reed spent a few days in Paxton, Ill. and also in Chicago, where she visited the Thetas at Northwestern.

'12- Genevieve Booe, Gamma, has recently withdrawn from Illinois university on account of a nervous breakdown.

'12-ex Laura Lindley is visiting in Lafayette.

'13-ex Marie Downs is back in Indianapolis now, and intends to enter college spring term.

'14-ex Helen Thompson visited Lesley Clay at the dormitory for a few days during our pledging.

'15-ex Marjory Scoggin has been seriously ill at her home, 818 E. 27th St.

'15-ex Laura Herod attended a house-party at Purdue, Feb. 1-4.

Erema Wilk, Beta, attended the Founders'-day luncheon, and spent the week end with her sister, Edith Wilk, in Indianapolis.

DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

We have led a rather quiet life since Thanksgiving. Between then and Christmas came the annual freshmen stunt-party, at which each freshman is privileged to "roast" the upper classmen at will, then to pacify them by a wonderful feed. Since Christmas we have been preparing for semester examinations, and now we are in the midst of them. Here's hoping!

In the few day between semesters, comes the annual house-cleaning, when Delta girls may be found from cellar to attic with buckets and brooms. All this is preparatory to the Mother's house-party, which this year comes February 9-11. This also, is an annual affair, when all of our mothers are invited to come and inspect and enjoy us. A committee on arrangements plans for ways and means of showing the mothers a good time. We always have a reception for faculty and patronesses, one for our especial friends, and then bid the mothers farewell by a formal dinner party. Any chapter which is fortunate enough to live in a house will find that a Mother's house-party is one of the most helpful and satisfactory customs which may be established.

Our Panhellenic formal dance, February 5, is also an annual event. Seven upperclassmen from each fraternity are permitted to attend this party, and it is getting to be *the* society event at Illinois. The freshmen and upperclassmen who do not attend the party, give a "Sorehead" dance on the same night. This party is informal, and so the two camps of girls argue for the remainder of the year over which party was the most fun.

Another bit of Panhellenic news is that we are to have only two weeks for rushing, next fall!

Agnes Porter

'09 Hope Herrick Henry visited us this month.

'11 Allegra Covey and Alice Ward, A Δ, visited us this month.

'12-ex Married, Mary Peters and Earl Bragg.

'08 Married, Jan. 11, 1912, Clara L. Gridley and A. H. Helfrich. At home after March first, 714 Overlook blvd. Portland, Ore.

'12-ex Mildred Lawrence Wheeler, (Mrs. A. W.) who lives at 5309 Monroe ave. Chicago, is a new member of Delta alumnae chapter.

'12-ex Jennie Parker Richards, (Mrs. Keene) lives at 5340 Woodlawn ave. Chicago. She is also a new member of Delta alumnae

EPSILON—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY

Letter not at hand on February 15, 1912.

The present address of Miss Luanna Robertson is 66 North ave. Battle Creek, Mich.

'07 Frances Edna Saunders and Dr. Arthur M. Freels were married December 28. Their address is W. Gaudy St. Denison, Texas.

'08-ex The marriage of Frances E. Kanke and Mr. Walter McClure, Φ Γ Δ, took place at Exeter, Cal. on Nov. 28. They will live in Cleveland, Ohio.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Letter not at hand on February 15, 1912.

Died, Jan. 31, Mr. Hoyt Post, Sr. father of Helen Post Steele and Myra Post Cady. Our love and sympathy to them. Mr. Post was a very loyal friend of Eta's.

'82 Mrs. Laura H. Norton has a leave of absence for the remainder of the year from her duties at the Lake View high school, Chicago,

and will spend several months traveling in Southern Europe and the Holy Land.

IOTA—CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Since our last letter, Iota boasts three new members, Ethel Bailey, Ethel Southwick, and Marie Harrington. December 18, initiation occurred at the home of one of our alumnae, Sara Bailey Sailor. The banquet was at The Alhambra. Besides many fine toasts, letters and messages from alumnae members and friends were read—even from one as far away as China.

The senior stunt, of which one of our members was chairman, and in which our other seniors took part, came January 13. This was a farce, picturing the life of the girls in Sage dormitory.

Mid-year examinations of Cornell are held from January 29 through February 7. This is called 'block week,' while the week preceding is termed 'cram week',—both names giving a graphic description of what happens at the university during that time.

But following comes Junior week, a time of revelry. The week begins with a joint concert of the mandolin and glee clubs, February 7, followed by the sophomore cotillion that same evening. The armory is always beautifully decorated for the latter, with colored lights, and bunting or artificial flowers. The next afternoon come tea dances; with the Masque, a play by the Cornell dramatics and fraternity house dances in the evening. The crowning event of the week is the Junior promenade, which lasts from 9:00 p. m. till about 5.00 a. m. And for this, the hall is even more beautifully decorated. Saturday, a basketball game between Yale and Cornell is played, and Sunday, the various houseparties break up, and the college life of the second term commences.

29 January 1912

Margaret Mandeville

'11 Cornelia Switzer has given up her position at Columbus, Ga. and is teaching at Williamsburg, Va. Address Box 435.

'12 Eliza Dickerson will return to Cornell for the second term, having been taking work in Ohio State university.

'14 The engagement of Susan M. Bontecou to Frank H. Crassweller, Cornell 1911, $\Phi K \Psi$, of Duluth, Minn. was announced Dec. 16, 1911.

'15 Ethel Bailey has been visiting in New Orleans and is now in Michigan.

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

Kappa held initiation immediately before Founders'-day banquet, in order to have with her, the out-of-town Thetas. Our new members are Pauline Murray of Wellington, Kansas, a sophomore and Ruth Lawson of Kansas City, Missouri, a freshman.

At the beginning of the second semester, we will have the novel experience of affiliating one of Alpha Mu's members, Eleanor Keith of Byers, Oklahoma, a girl whom we will welcome gladly into our chapter as one of our own throng.

The university was dismissed from January 13 until January 18, because of the extremely cold weather and lack of coal. Accordingly, the Panhellenic matinee dance was postponed indefinitely.

29 January 1912

Marie Hedrick

'06 Alvina Wilhelmie Sexton (Mrs. Ray) has a son born Jan. 22, 1912.

'14-ex Marian Bedford of Grand Rapids, Mich. is returning to school for the second semester.

'10 Helen Janes married Fred Milo Harris, $\Phi K \Psi$, Dec. 7, 1912. Mrs. Harris is now living in Ottawa, Kan.

'13 Lois Harger is leaving college on account of ill health. She hopes to return next fall.

'03 Helen Calhoun Von Unworth (Mrs. Herman) has a son, born in Dec.

'12-ex Carrie Calhoun of Fort Scott, Kan. is coming Feb. 10, 1912 for the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ Matinee Mess.

'10 Hazel Allison and '13-ex Margaret Ford are coming for the Beta German.

'02 Augusta Flintam married Albert Sample, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, of Osborne, Kan. Dec. 27, 1911.

The Thetas back for the Founders'-day banquet were: '81 Julia Watson

Nicholson (Mrs. George J.) of Chicago; from Kansas City, Mo. Mary Barnette, Jessie Balridge Lebrecht (Mrs. Hal), Marienne Brook, Maxae Beuchle, Alpha Iota, Alice Sinclair (Mrs. George Belt) Clara Clement, Margaret Raymond Eidemiller, Mary Stone Ellison (Mrs. E. D.), Sarah Morrison, Anna Harrison Helson (Mrs. Louis F.), Mrs. Rose from Rho, Martha Stough, Emma Barber Thomas (Mrs. Gomer), Ethel Chalkley; from Topeka, Mary Barkley, Mrs. William Bowen, Fannie Pratt Thompson (Mrs. Frank); from Leavenworth, Mrs. Royden Beebe, Phi, Ethelyn Rice Haskell (Mrs. E. E.); from Ottawa, Kan. Georgia Smart, Marie Arder.

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

The spirit of harmony existing among our fraternities has been greatly increased this year by a series of inter-fraternity social affairs, which we all thoroughly enjoyed.

Pi Beta Phi, Delta Delta Delta and Kappa Alpha Theta each set aside one evening for entertaining the other two. The Dean and other women on the faculty were also included. The Pi Phi's entertained first at a delightful little party at the home of one of their members. A clever farce, given by the girls, was followed by games and stunts, after which dainty refreshments were served. We all had a delightful time and went home eager to plan our contribution, which was next in turn.

We decided to give an informal dance in the girls new Gym, to which we asked the faculty ladies and several alumnae or patronesses. One of our girls made pansy dance orders tied with black and gold ribbon and we decorated the Gym with banners, Japanese lanterns and Theta emblems. Each Theta invited one of the other girls and went for her, taking her home after the dance also. It was very successful and everyone pronounced the evening a jolly one.

The Tri-Deltas had the third entertainment which took the form of a dance, given at the home of President Benton, whose daughter is one of their girls. The Benton house, which is an ideal one for affairs of that sort, has big rooms opening

into one another. It was decorated with soft lights and flowers, the touch of green and gold being given by a huge box of growing daffodils in the dining room. We were royally entertained and had a most delightful evening.

The success of these affairs has strengthened the bond of friendships between the fraternities, and has helped us all to become better acquainted.

30 January 1912

Mary Simpson

'95 Frances Atkinson is spending the winter in Orlando, Fla.

'03 Mary Tracy has accepted a position in the High school at Tuchahoe, N. Y.

'05-ex Mrs. Walter Bellrose (Grace Deane) is the proud mother of another son.

'05-ex Ruth Keese was married to Dr. Little, an associate of Dr. Grenfell, and is working with her husband at St. Anthony, Newfoundland.

'08 Mrs. Earl Waterman (Florence Votey) has returned to her home at State College, Pa. after a lengthy visit with her mother.

'08 Lucy Bean was married to Mr. Harold French, Σ N, from her home at Newport, Vt. Dec. 13. Address: Ann Arbor, Mich.

MU—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

Though vacation banished student activities from college hill, Allegheny was very much alive on January 4 and 5 when about forty presidents of Methodist colleges and universities met here for their annual convention. The day of prayer for colleges came most opportunely the day before mid-term finals and was observed with a sermon by the Rev. John Willey of Pittsburg. The fraternity men of the college in conference with President Crawford are agitating the question of rushing and it is predicted that radical changes in the present system will be made shortly in favor of sophomore pledging.

Bidding day, December 9, was a day of rejoicing for Mu. Our five invitations extended brought five splendid girls for the pledging service in the evening. They are: Dorothea Abrams, Jamestown, New York; Marie Howell, a Theta daughter,

Westfield, New York; Caryl Reynolds, Pittsburg; Margaret Simpson, New Brighton, and Margaret Yingling, Kittanning.

Two evenings after pledge day, we gave our dinner for the pledges in the chapter rooms and a joyful time we had of it! Another merry event just before vacation was our Christmas tree, an annual fun surprise given by the seniors in the chapter.

On the evening of December 21 we were delighted to have with us for a quiet social talk in the rooms, Mrs. A. B. Comstock of Iota. We count her visit one of our big events.

Our pledges proved themselves original entertainers by presenting a clever little farce in pantomime, in the chapter rooms January 20. It was entitled *Then and Now* and contrasted the rushing methods of a few years ago with those now, in a way that brought delight and appreciative applause from us all. At the end of the last act, the gift from the pledges was presented to the chapter. It is a beautiful set of china cups and saucers hand-painted with the letters K A @ in gold.

The chapter extends sincere sympathy to Iris Barr '81, one of the charter members of Mu, in her sorrow for the death of her father, Dr. George W. Barr of Titusville.

31 January 1912

Florence M. Griswold

Amanda Edson and Julia Edson Fradenburgh (Mrs. A. G.) of Brooklyn, N. Y. were in Meadville for the holidays.

'01 Emma Edson was our guest the night the pledges entertained.

'04 Bess Dutton has been visiting at her home in Meadville.

'07 Florence Grauel Miller (Mrs. F. P.) spent three weeks of Dec. in New York and for the holidays was at her old home in Aspinwall.

'09-ex Mary Sansom was with us for two days in Dec.

'10 Ruth Kelley visited Mu in Nov.

'11 Helen Murray's present address is 4949 Indiana ave. Chicago.

'12 Marguerite Shelmadine returned Nov. 30 from the Student government convention at Barnard.

'14 Gay Kellogg was prevented from taking her examinations by a wound in her right hand which was the result of a laboratory accident. She is at her home in Titusville.

RHO—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

February 5, the second semester began. Although the reports are not yet in at the office, still we can safely say that there are no "flunks" as far as Thetas are concerned.

February 10, there was an inter-fraternity meet held in the armory. The Sigma Alpha Epsilon's led off with first place and the Beta Theta Pi's were a close second. To arouse a little further excitement, each sorority was asked to procure four men to represent them in a relay race. Theta was lucky in getting Louis Anderson, Phi Delta Theta, Will Wentworth, Delta Upsilon, Lawrence Robinson, Beta Theta Pi and Everett Scott, Phi Gamma Delta, who by her skill gave her second place. The Delta Gamma's came out first. This was followed by an informal dance in the girl's gymnasium.

On the evening of the same day the different sororities made a great success of the "Trail." This took the place of the usual county fair. It was held at the temple and a large crowd of university students, as well as town people, turned out to spend their money. Theta had as her "stunt" girls dressed to represent the development of the American girl, from the time of our early fore-fathers to the present.

Second semester pledging has at last gotten a foothold in Nebraska. Very few, if any of the sororities are really in favor of it, but under present circumstances and on account of the faculty attitude in regard to fraternity matters, this seemed to be the only step to take. The rules have not yet been decided upon. It will be rather hard the first semester next year, because it will necessitate the carrying out of rushing for the entire semester.

Our banquet and initiation are to take place March 2. The banquet will be at the Lincoln hotel after the initiation. We are looking forward with the greatest pleasure toward these events and are expecting a great number of alumnae to participate in this, the happiest time of our fraternity year. The

prospective initiates are Louise Bedwell, Omaha; Imogene Clark, Kansas City; Hazel Hamilton, Julesburg, Colorado, and Aurel Murtey, Lincoln, whom we pledged just after the Thanksgiving rushing.

12 February 1912

Ruth Lindley

'11-ex Harriet Tidball Johnson (Mrs. L. T.) spent a little while with us Sunday, Feb. 4.

Nell Williams Morrison (Mrs. John) of Beta whose home is in Omaha, spent Friday and Saturday, Feb. 2 and 3, in Lincoln.

'05 Alice Towne Dewese (Mrs. Fred) of Dawson, Nebr. is coming Feb. 14 to spend a few weeks with us.

'12-ex Olive Hammond is spending the winter in Denver, Colo.

'11-ex Grace Rohrbough has announced her engagement to William Bonekamper, Δ T.

'11 Alice McCullough has announced her engagement to Hubert Owen, Φ Δ Θ.

'10-ex Juliette Atwood will sail for Europe in March.

'11-ex Elizabeth Batty and '09 Alice Batty have moved to San Diego, Cal.

'04 Louise Woodruff is teaching several academy classes and is Dean of women at Yankton college, Yankton, S. D.

'02-ex Married, Zelia Cornell Mickle to Mr. H. R. Wiley, Peru, Nebr.

SIGMA—TORONTO UNIVERSITY

Before separating for the Christmas vacation we indulged in an entirely new kind of party,—a Christmas party for the chapter room. The usual Christmas decorations beautified the room, while a really truly Christmas tree was laden with our gifts. Among these was the convention group presented by our alumna delegate. The alumnae served afternoon tea.

The men's literary societies of our eastern universities have adopted a plan for an exchange of professors three or four times a year. Our first draw was a distinguished graduate of Toronto, now head of the economics department at McGill, Professor Stephen Leacock, perhaps better known as the author of *Literary lapses* and *Nonsense novels*. These works prepared us for an entertaining evening and we were not disappointed.

There are two other new movements afoot at the university with regard to the women. One is an agitation for self-government. This really first appeared during the last college year but a definite constitution has now been drawn up and is being discussed and voted on favorably on all sides. The other has just appeared. The Board of governors has expressed the opinion that for the best interests of the women's residence, no freshman should be allowed to join a sorority. Although Queen's hall, the women's residence accommodates only seventy-five women, such a rule would mean general sophomore pledging. It now remains for our Panhellenic to consider the best way to bring this about.

31 January 1912

Gertrude Wright

'07 Mrs. V. E. Henderson (Edith Vander Smitten) has returned from her wedding trip and is living at 100 St. Vincent st.

'08 Jessie Barbour has returned from Guelph.

'11 The engagement is announced of Betty Graydon to Frank Weaver, Δ K E, of Johnstown, Pa.

TAU—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

We have just received a belated Christmas present of which we are quite proud. It has been a long cherished hope of the chapter to have a new archive chest and at last our dream is realized. The seniors of last year started a fund for this purpose and by adding the contributions of the present senior class and gifts from some of the alumnae, together with a Christmas remembrance from each active member, we were able to purchase a very complete chest. It is composed of sections with compartments which meet all our present needs and to which we can easily add more space in the future. It makes an ornamental addition to the furniture in our chapter room.

The stunt which the pledges prepared for the Christmas party proved a great success. The presented in pantomime *The college magazine* illustrating the following: cover page, advertisements, story—*A tragedy of life*, and fashions.

Since vacation, we have had one rushing party. Mrs. Gazlay of Edgewater entertained us at an afternoon tea. William Gazlay, who is four years old, sang several songs which we thoroughly enjoyed.

Skating and class sleighing parties have been quite popular during January. Just now, however, everyone is busy studying for examinations which begin at the end of the month. There is a movement among the students for securing a higher standard of honesty in examinations and it is hoped that this movement may lead to student government.

February promises to be a busy month, for already we have planned for two of our most important functions of the year, initiation and banquet February 17 and our annual party on the twenty-fourth.

29 January 1912

Daisy Bentley

Agnes Hayden Woodley (Mrs. C. N.) is living at 350 N. 29th st. Portland, Ore.

Louise Chapman Reimbold (Mrs. J. F.) of St. Paul, Mildred Jones, and Pearl Greenough attended our Christmas party.

'11 Rachael Jones has announced her engagement to Chauncey Hobart, B Θ II.

'08 Gertrude Curme has announced her engagement to Eugene Bragg, Σ N.

'09 Pearl Greenough has completed the course of training for Y. W. C. A. work.

Died, Dec. 25, 1911, Ruth Thompson, a pledge of last year.

Liela Hastings, Josephine Cooper, and Marie Nelson are among recent visitors.

The chapter extends its loving sympathy to Elizabeth Douglass Candee whose husband died Dec. 15, just seven weeks after the birth of a daughter. Address: 1101 Davis st. Evanston.

UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The day after Thanksgiving vacation we had our first meeting with the freshmen. How good it seemed to at last admit them into the circle. Two weeks later they gave their party for the upperclassmen. This is an annual custom with the chap-

ter. This year, the clever invitations were made out from the Cornstalk family for a Hard Times party. And such a good time as we had, laughing at all the comical costumes! Everything from rags to ancient gowns of a past generation appeared. The six freshmen, the Cornstalk family, presented the chapter house with 18 bouillon spoons.

Almost immediately, it seemed, came the time for Christmas vacation. The active chapter and alumnae gathered for a spread and Christmas tree at the house. We followed the recent custom of having a ten cent present for each girl and a combined gift for the house. With the help of the alumnae, two oriental rugs for the living room were purchased.

Plans are now being made for next semester to keep another place filled in the house. The town girls are to take turns living at the house, periods varying from a week to a month. In this way we can help out with the coal bills during the cold weather and also give the town girls the valuable experience of living away from home.

We are all hard at work these last days before our final examinations and are hoping to show records that will be a credit to Theta. Minnesota has indeed proved herself to be rejuvenated in the matter of work this last semester. One really feels that there is work to keep one busy all the time. Even chapel has become a place of educational training. Panhellenic's recent action of giving up all fraternity chapel seats has eliminated the social incentive to attend. The speakers are to be men and women who are leaders in the different vocations in the state. Each one is to give a clear idea of what possibilities lie in his line of work and what advantages it has. The aim is to give the students, while in college, some knowledge of the different fields of work that are open to them and what each one offers. Statistics of the future years ought to show the result of this by giving an enlarged variety of occupations engaged in by university graduates.

25 January 1912

Marjorie Child

Mrs. Harriet Jackson Burch is spending the winter abroad.

Charlotte Hall has been visiting in California and in February sailed for Europe with her mother.

Mary Tomlinson Pattee and her baby have returned to Scanlon, Minn.

Married on Dec. 27, 1911, Alice French to Thomas Hill Fillmore.
Address: Lawndale, Cal.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Villaume (Julia Thuet) have gone abroad for a trip.

Helen Stanford Fernald (Mrs. Frank) is living in Los Angeles, 2238 W. 29th st.

Grace Lavayea is teaching in Los Angeles Manual Arts high school.

'12-ex Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Skiles (Irene O'Connor) on Jan. 10, a daughter.

'12-ex Elizabeth Hofflin has won a scholarship for her excellent work in art and interior decoration at Columbia university.

'13-ex Marion Miller has had to discontinue her work at Wellesley college on account of ill health and is at home in Minneapolis.

'14 Laura Merrill is to reenter the University of Minnesota for the coming semester.

'13-ex Arlene Webster has left college to travel in the South.

PHI—STANFORD UNIVERSITY

College opened January 10, and three days later we were able to put the pledge pin on four new girls. Frances Graham and Margaret Hanna—two Theta sisters—and Katherine Hutchinson and Dorothea Washburn, both of Palo Alto.

The first social affair was our annual dance, January 19. The present generation of Thetas had never seen the house look more lovely and we felt well repaid for all our weariness. Nets were hung across all the ceilings; pepper branches, paper wisteria of all shades and colored lights were then woven through the nets. The effect was that of a beautiful Japanese garden. The punch was served under a huge Japanese umbrella by a little lady of Japan in native costume, and our programs in the form of painted fans carried out the same idea.

Recently the freshmen class gave a banquet to Dr. Jordan, at Encina hall. This was a great success in every way.

We are all looking forward very especially to the sophomore

play, as two of our sophomores, Helen Bullard and Carol Green, have leading parts. Rehearsals have begun and thrills are felt every time the "heroine" returns from them.

Our underclassmen have just issued invitations to the rest of the chapter for the annual Martha Washington dance. The invitations were dainty little ladies in black with the invitation on their petticoats.

The big organ from Memorial church has been put up in Assembly hall and just before Christmas Dr. Blodgett gave the first recital. All older members of the community were glad to hear the wonderful instrument, silent since earthquake days, and all newcomers were glad that they could now share the joy of daily musicals.

27 January 1912

Katrine Fairclough

'95 Winifred Caldwell Whittier (Mrs. C. B.) is spending the winter at De Land, Fla.

'02 Hazel Webster Spencer (Mrs. H. R.) has a new address: 814 Tillanook st. Portland, Ore.

'06 Jane Spaulding's address is 23 Neue Winterfeldt Strasse, Berlin, Germany.

'06 Ruth Forbes Sherry (Mrs. Ralph) now lives at 28 Norwood ave. Buffalo, N. Y. Mr. Sherry is with the Pierce-Arrow Motor-Car Co.

'07 Katherine Hammond has been granted six months leave from her position in the San Diego high school. She will spend the spring and summer in Europe.

'10 Maybelle Barlow Tiedemann (Mrs. T. H. A.) is living at 1272 Irving st. Los Angeles.

'11 Alberta Hanna is living at 489 Del Rosa Drive, Pasadena.

'13-ex Mary Atwood is attending Los Angeles state normal.

CHI—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

December 5 Syracuse was visited by eleven Western Governors. During their stay in the city, they made a trip to the university. In honor of the occasion a mass meeting was held in the gymnasium. All classes were dismissed in order that the students might attend the meeting. Short speeches were made by the visitors.

The week beginning December 11 was Junior week. December 13 at the Wieting opera house, Boar's Head presented *The King Pin*, an original play which was written by Carl Oswald, a Syracuse man. Ruth Morrison, 1913, played the rôle of Edith Schuyler. On Thursday night occurred the Junior prom, the principle event of the week.

Our Christmas vacation began December 21. The last Friday night before we went home, we had our Christmas party which was planned by the juniors. There was a real Christmas tree which held a present together with a clever little verse for each girl. Besides these gifts, the chapter was presented with a B. H. H. initiation fee from James Raymond Howell. Miss Charles, our chaperon, gave us two sets of sugars and creamers which we fully appreciated.

The past two weeks have been occupied with mid-year examinations. Now we are starting on the last semester of the college year. We hope to make it a very successful one.

30 January 1912

Julia Lockwood

'97 Gladys Hibbard Stranahan was here for Founders'-day.

'01 Olivia Pratt attended chapter meeting Jan. 5.

'06 Laura J. Baldwin was married to John N. Harman on Nov. 28. After January they will be at home in Brooklyn.

'09 Dec. 27, Carrie Fraser was married to MacDonald G. Newcomb. They are living at Greigsville, N. Y.

'11 May Wilcox spent Jan. 27 and 28 at the chapter house.

'11 Sophia Steese was here for Founders'-day.

'12 The engagement of Mary Garrett Clapp to James Raymond Howell, Σ A E, has been announced.

'13 The engagement is announced of Florence Seddon to Charles Pettigree, Θ Δ X, Lehigh university.

During December Miss Oolooah Burner, Alpha, now a national Y. W. C. A. secretary, spent a week at the university.

PSI—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

On Wednesday before the Christmas vacation, Psi held her annual Christmas party, which, with its dinner, tree, and joke

presents, is always one of the most enjoyable jollifications of the year. Our mid-winter informal party was delightfully successful too. The rest of January passed very quietly with everyone working in fearful anticipation of mid-year examinations. Yet examination time came and went with nothing but good results for all of us.

At the end of examination week the resident alumnae gave a picnic supper for the chapter at the Peabody's new home. Everyone had a good time in spite of the fact that it was a farewell to Clara Perry, who graduated in the middle of the year. Clara affiliated with us in her sophomore year, from Lambda, and in her two years and a half among us has come to be so beloved by all as to make us feel her loss very keenly.

The Junior prom, the gayest social event of the college year, was in the big gymnasium February 9. It is always a week-end of house-parties and this Prom time gave us an opportunity to meet two of our charming sisters from Kappa. In the Junior play, always given at Prom time, Psi had two representatives: Fay Kent, the leading lady, and Helene Peck. Several Theta alumnae who are always closely in touch with what interests college students, chaperoned house-parties.

One of the pleasant innovations of this winter was the reception given by the university faculty to the seniors. It was a formal occasion made delightfully informal by the friendly feeling between students and faculty which is typical of the university.

H. Margaret Josten

'05 Born in Dec. to Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Carey (Faye Rogers) a daughter.

'07 Mrs. C. R. Welton (Ruth Goe) attended Founders'-day banquet in Chicago.

'08 Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Edwards, a son.

'10-ex Born to Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Sherman (Alice Watson) a daughter, Elizabeth.

'11 Marguerite Melick returned for the Junior prom.

'12 Clara H. Perry, who graduated in Feb. has gone to Astoria, Ore. to join her family.

'13 Florence Clausen was called home Feb. 2 by the death of her mother.

OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

College again, and everyone back with the usual accompaniment of gossip about holidays well spent, either in a giddy whirl or in quiet rest!

There have been no initiates this term so we are all settling down to work without any of the strenuous entertaining that the beginning of college usually demands.

Just imagine how pleased we were to find that we, as a group, have led not only fraternity but non-fraternity women also in scholarship, for the past two years.

We are looking forward to the celebration of the fraternity birthday. The sophomores, in accordance with a chapter custom—are preparing to give a play, the character of which is kept very dark, but we are sure that it is going to mark an epoch in the fraternity as to originality.

The freshmen have decided to hold informal gatherings every month and are to begin with a dance next Thursday night.

28 January 1912

Constance Davis

'08-ex Eula Glide and Ruth Wilde have left for a trip to the West Indies.

'12 May Chase has been elected President of the senior women.

'12 Alice Earle has announced her engagement to Beverly Wilde, Chi Psi ex-'12.

'13-ex Alice Hicks has announced her engagement to Erwin Muma.

'13 Harriet Judd has been appointed secretary to Miss Peixotto—head of the sociology department.

Upsilon alumnae recently gave a banquet which several of our girls attended.

ALPHA BETA—SWARTHMORE

We are very glad to tell of the return of Lydia Green, ex-'12, to active membership. She is taking special work this semester.

One of our happiest meetings this year was at the home of Martha Speakman, January 24. We had the big house to ourselves, and revelled in the quietness, the coziness of the open fire, the Theta songs and celebration afterward in honor of Carolyn Smedley's birthday.

Local Panhellenic is trying at present to solve the pledge day problem, though without much success. We stand alone for sophomore pledge day against Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pi Beta Phi and Pi Sigma (local) for six weeks pledging. Since each is unwilling to give in the matter may have to be taken to National Panhellenic.

The new Sproul Observatory, splendidly equipped with a 26 inch telescope, was opened this winter. Dr. Miller expects to do special work on stellar parallax.

In December Dr. David Starr Jordan of Stanford gave an interesting and humorous lecture on *Confessions of a Peace Maker*.

As usual we have had plenty of "shows" of various kinds. The musical comedy written and presented each year by the sophomore class, occurred on January 6. All the Theta sophomores worked hard to make it a success. One of the many ways used by the "Silver Bay fund" committee of Young Women's Christian association for raising money, was the senior minstrels. The whole class appeared with caps and gowns, burnt cork faces, "P. T." ties for wigs, white or red shoes and stockings, jokes and parody songs.

7 February 1912

Anna D. White

'87 Mrs. Ralph Lewis (Alice Battin) has been visiting Philadelphia this winter.

'91 Mrs. Wm. I. Hull (Hannah Clothier) is one of the state delegates for the convention of the National Federation of women's clubs to be held at San Francisco in June.

'92 Mrs. J. D. Hull (Mary Broomell) announces the birth of a daughter, Margery Moore Hull, on Dec. 12.

'96 Mrs. T. E. Owens (Agnes Walker) is spending the winter in Germany.

'97 Dr. and Mrs. Walter Roberts (Lydia Williams) will move from Riverton, N. J. to their new farm near Swarthmore.

'00 Mrs. John Maxwell (Lydia Clothier) has moved from Long Island to Villa Novo, Pa.

'01 Mary W. Lippincott is making a trip in the South.

'03 Caroline Clothier started Feb. 7 for Florida.

'04 Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Perkins (Alice Sullivan) had born to them Dec. 7, a son, who died Dec. 9.

'06 Caroline A. Washburn is at Pasadena, Cal. She sailed Nov. 30 by way of Jamaica and New Orleans.

'08 Mrs. F. B. Geddes announces the birth of a girl, Caroline Hallowell Geddes, on Dec. 14.

ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Letter not at hand on February 15, 1912.

ALPHA DELTA—GOUCHER COLLEGE

Alpha Delta members are all beams and smiles these days as the result of a piling up of good fortune lately. In the first place, it was our very great pleasure one week end in January to have with us our beloved Miss Hale, and we are still bubbling over with the Theta spirit and enthusiasm she imparted to us, still singing her praises to one another and hearing them sung, to our great pride, by many of the other college girls who met her at a reception we gave in her honor. It was especially Miss Hale's charming way of having something personal to say to each girl whom she met that afternoon that won everyone's heart. Then, in the second place, it was just the past week that Founders'-day came again bringing its usual flood of good-fellowship to alumnae, active girls, and pledges. And still another cause for our rejoicing—mid-years are past and we are counting the days till, having heard the returns of our pledges' examinations (we have scholarship requirements for initiation at Gouche), we can have the happiness of initiation once more. We are expecting a number of out-of-town alumnae for the banquet and can hardly wait for the days to fly past. So

altogether it is a very cheerful chapter that sends its greetings this month.

30 January 1912

Frances Stirling Clarke

'07 Marian Pitts has been visiting Emma Gregg of Atlanta, Ga. and Mrs. Howell Cobb Irwin (Lucy Yancey) of Athens, Ga.

'09 Lucy Yancey Irwin will visit Grace Bennett the week end of initiation.

'11 Adele Hopkins of Hanover, Pa. will stay with Grace Bennett during initiation.

Edna Hopkins of Kappa was the guest of Grace Bennett during the Christmas holidays, and was present at the December meeting of Phi alumnae, which was held at the home of Emilie Dunbar.

ALPHA EPSILON—BROWN UNIVERSITY

The days between the Christmas recess and the mid-year examinations have passed so quickly, and have been so crowded with thoughts of the coming examinations, that there has been very little social life at Brown in the past month. Except for the dance given to the college by the Delta Sigma sorority, on January 3, we have had no parties of any kind. Alpha Epsilon observed Founders'-day very pleasantly at the home of Flora Cotton '04. We were fortunate enough to have with us one of our charter members, Mrs. Augusta F. Rose. Now we are all looking forward to entertaining our District president, Katharine Lindsay, for the week-end, February 16, and are planning many "jolly" things. We had hoped to have her here for our initiation banquet(!)—but we are very glad to have her at least, if we can not have the initiates. Alpha Epsilon is very grateful for the many expressions of loving sympathy which have been received.

5 February 1912

Hazel M. Fowler

'99 Mrs. Harmon H. Gnuse (Harriet Barrows Utter) has changed her address to 211 Court ave. Memphis, Tenn.

'06-ex Born Dec. 22, 1911, to Mr. and Mrs. James R. Stevenson (Grace Fairchild) a son, Halsey Bidwell.

'10 Gwendolen Blodgett's address is Pension Ludicke, Brau Strasse No. 2, Leipzig, Germany.

'11 Josephine Sackett's address is 917 W. California st. Urbana, Ill.

ALPHA ZETA—BARNARD COLLEGE

We are so glad to introduce to you our new sisters, Louisa Ross of New York City and Edith Thomas of Savannah, Georgia. We have also pledged Mary Clark of Plainfield, New Jersey, whom we expect to initiate on February 6. We hope, too, to have Miss Hale with us then. We are all looking forward to meeting her,—if not then, at least in the very near future.

Life at Barnard has been very busy during the last two months. Alpha Zeta has always been much interested in the French society. Florence Lowther having been president for the past two years. Marguerite Allen is now treasurer, and Edith Thomas, secretary. A very successful performance of Moliere's *L'Avare* was given in January by the French societies of Columbia and Barnard at Brinekerhof theater, Barnard. Penelope Girdner was chairman of the patroness committee, and Florence Lowther played a leading role in the cast.

The Church club also gave a reproduction of an old Mystery play, as a Christmas celebration. Nathalie Armstrong played the part of the angel Gabriel.

An English literary club has just been formed. The first meeting was very informal and delightful. We sat around a cheerful open fire in the library, and Professor Trent of the English department spoke to us.

The Junior ball is to be held at Brelton hall, on February 16. Many of the seniors and alumnae are to be there, and we are sure that it will be a great success. Nathalie Armstrong is a member of the committee.

The first semester is passed, our dreaded mid-year examinations are over, and we are looking forward with great pleasure to the rest of the college year.

1 February 1912

Katharine Noble

'99 Mr. and Mrs. Carleton T. Chapman (Aurélié Reynaud) are living at 130 W. 57th st. New York City.

'08 Leanora Armstrong had a leading part in the play *Mrs. Temple's telegram* given at Montclair, N. J. recently.

'05 Caroline Hall is working for the degree of M.A. at Columbia.

'05 Amy Hill took part in the Thackery centennial entertainment given in New York City, Jan. 31.

'11-ex Born in Jan. to Mr. and Mrs. Horace D. Lyon (Katherine Sickels) a daughter.

ALPHA ETA—VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Our last letter was written just a few days before our Thanksgiving house-party, which lasted from the Wednesday before Thanksgiving to the Monday after. There were eight girls in the house. We went to the Thanksgiving game with Sewanee and saw Vanderbilt win a big victory. On Friday we entertained with a reception—our formal opening of the house. Saturday, December 2, we initiated six freshmen and later in the month we initiated two more. The last pledge will be taken in February 9.

December 18 at the Vendome theater the Vanderbilt dramatic club presented *The Gentleman from Mississippi*. Lamar Ryals and Sara Southal won places.

The Varsity girls' basketball team has been chosen. Lamar Ryals and Sara Southal won places.

Remember the latch-string of our new house hangs on the outside to all Thetas. We wish you all would come to see us.

31 January 1912

Rose E. Tate

'04 Maria Mason visited Stella Vaughn during Christmas.

'07-ex Clara Smith is visiting Madge Connor Smith (Mrs. A. J.) in Springfield.

'07 Katie Guill has been elected on the faculty of Nashville's new high school.

Elizabeth and Rebecca Young entertained the Memphis Thetas on Founders'-day.

Stella Vaughn is just back from a visit to Mamie Moore at Union City.

ALPHA THETA—TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

On the Friday before examinations Florence Brownlee and her mother entertained the Thetas with a delightful bridge party at their new home in Hyde Park. Soon after the holidays, our freshmen arranged the usual Christmas tree party. Everybody exchanged gifts—most of them jokes—and each class gave something nice to the house. This has become a regular custom with Alpha Theta.

For our lot fund the freshmen have been doing odd jobs such as washing hair, blacking shoes, and running errands. The sophomores served tea and sandwiches before each fraternity meeting. The juniors gave a sale of embroidered and miscellaneous things suitable for Christmas presents. The seniors charged admission to their four-act farce which, with its "eats," was a jolly affair the night of initiation.

Owing to the meningitis epidemic just five of our out-of-town alumnae came to reunion; so we did not have the Panhellenic reception we had planned. During their stay we initiated our five remaining pledges: Alice Bird, Florrie Wilson, Harriet Ellis, Clara Cristman, and Martha Harris. The next night we had our banquet at the house instead of the hotel because of the epidemic. The table decorations were jonquils and ferns, with pansy place cards for thirty-two happy Thetas.

Our new domestic science department has opened with a large enrollment. The beautiful new building of the Young Men's Christian association will soon be opened formally. The two main topics of discussion this term have been the partial disenfranchisement of the freshmen, and the election of the final ball leader. In the next few weeks all the club dances and class and department receptions will be given.

25 January 1912

Fannie Preston

Our reunion visitors were: Frances Morris, Frances Gillespie, Lquise Johnson, Mrs. Lee Evans, and Mrs. Louis Wilputte (Dell Johnson).

Stella Thompkins and Willie May Kell completed their courses at Christmas and will return in June for their B.A. degree.

'14 Lucy Johnson went home on a short visit the middle of January.

'05 Anna Simonds is improving rapidly in Denver, Colo. where for her health she has spent the last year.

ALPHA IOTA—WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

The seniors of the chapter have adopted a plan which has proved very helpful this year, that of a senior council, to which the juniors have lately been admitted. We find that in meetings of the council, more can be accomplished toward framing our policy in Panhellenic, and in outlining the course to be adopted with freshmen, than in any number of our business meetings, which must necessarily be general in character.

And in great need are the freshmen for some plan in connection with their studies! They are finding it extremely difficult to keep up the standard demanded by Panhellenic. Yet the college as a whole feels that a required grade for admittance into a fraternity is a good thing, though severe on those who must first stand it as an experiment.

Not content with the freshmen we already have, because realizing they will not always remain such, we have had several affairs for seniors from preparatory schools. Miss Cummings, an Iota Theta, now taking courses at Washington, gave us the jolliest rushing party before Christmas! The afternoon was spent before a log fire, until time for lights. Then all the guests were led into the dining room, to find a beautifully lighted Christmas tree waiting to unload its burden of appropriate take-offs.

One of the most enjoyable entertainments was a party in the rooms during the holidays. It was intended as an informal rushing party, but proved to be a Theta reunion. Bess Phillips and Marjorie McArthur from Alpha Mu, Amy Overland and Alida Bowler from Delta, Helen Fuller '11, and Frances Bennett and Irma Gruner were a few of those who dropped in during the afternoon and did much to make those who had not as

yet entered college, feel that here truly, was a bond that could not be broken.

28 January 1912

Julia Prewitt Brooks

'09-ex Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Horner (Elinor Hall) on Dec. 19, a son, John Luistott.

'10 Meta Gruner has a fellowship at the School of social economy.

'10 Anne Fisher is doing graduate work in the School of social economy.

'09 Gladys Gruner and Lois Meier '10, have left for a trip to Panama.

'13-ex Lucy Wulfinf has been forced to stop college, due to her health, and expects to spend some time in Florida.

ALPHA KAPPA—ADELPHI COLLEGE

The word house-party always recalls pleasant memories and the one Alpha Kappa enjoyed last week is one that she will long remember.

We took the train Friday night and were met at the station at our journey's end by machines that carried the group of happy Thetas to the home of our Theta sister, Clara Mahler, where we were to enjoy the week-end.

To say that we had "the best time ever" does not half express the jolly time we had. Our hostess entertained us royally. One afternoon she gave a tea for the chapter and its friends.

The house-party really celebrated Theta's success this year at Adelphi. We are delighted to say that we have added to our number the five freshmen whom we invited. Our hopes were realized to the fullest. The freshmen enjoyed the house-party as much as we did and they are real Thetas in the truest sense of the word.

The sophomore tea and dance occurred Christmas week at which a Theta, Laura Haugaard, as president of the class, received. The sophomore dance was another event of that week and Mable Marine, one of our initiates, was chairman of that. Both of these affairs were a great success.

The seniors gave their play in January and as usual it was a success. We are now looking forward to the Athletic banquet, the next event of interest to the college.

The work of the new semester has begun and everyone looks relieved since the examinations are over. We regret to say that our dear Dr. Mac Lean is still very ill and unable to resume her classes in history and sociology. We miss her very much and we are looking forward to the time when she will be with us again and we trust it will not be long.

Our initiates are: Clarissa Petitt, Marguerite Behman, Mable Marine, Margery Bartlett, Louise Moller.

31 January 1912

Gladys C. Simmons

ALPHA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Founders'-day seems just the right time to be writing a chapter letter, while all the inspiration remains from the celebration.

We had our usual Christmas tree at the chapter house the Monday before Christmas and many of the alumnae were there to enjoy the fun of the limericks and foolish questions, and especially the two act farce given as a surprise by four of the freshmen. They "took-off" four upperclassmen most effectively and incidentally told about their own failings, while we laughed to our hearts' content. Then followed a shower for Beulah Smith Jones who was married during the holidays.

Examinations are just over and it is such a relief. A new system is being tried this mid-year. The examinations are merely for the sake of elimination and at the end of the year a second examination will have to be taken before any credit is given. The freshmen are all anxiety, for they must have twelve credits before initiation which comes this Friday.

Rushing begins next week, Wednesday, with new rules giving each sorority two dates a week and Saturday open for three weeks. Written bids sent out the third Friday are to be answered Saturday evening between five and six. There will not

be much rushing because so few enter college the second semester.

The December meeting of the alumnae chapter was held at the house. We always enjoy so much every opportunity of becoming better acquainted with them.

Last Wednesday Beulah Smith Jones entertained the active and alumnae chapters at tea for Vera Jones who left that evening for Spokane.

27 January 1912

Agnes Lovejoy

'07 A daughter was born to Mrs. E. D. Alexander (Carrie Heffner) Dec. 13.

'07-ex The father of Mrs. M. L. Baker (Leila Davis) died on Jan. 15.

'08 The father of Nellie Alexander died Dec. 31.

'10 Beulah Smith was married to Harry Jones, K Σ, Dec. 28, 1911. Her address is 4700 19th ave. N. E.

The address of Mrs. Ernst (Jennie Braley) Mu, is 2913 Franklin ave. Mrs. John Lotz (Mabel Davidson) of Eta and Delta has gone to Boston.

Mrs. F. W. B. Morris, Kappa, has returned to Seattle after a year and a half in Kansas.

Mrs. William Barker (Winnie Cockerline) Alpha Xi, is now living in Seattle.

Mrs. William Garland (Cecile Enegren) Upsilon, has moved to Vancouver, B. C.

A daughter was born to Mrs. Charles Harris, Alpha Gamma, on October 13.

Larry Anderson, Epsilon, visited Mrs. Skeel (Hazel Emery) Epsilon, during the Christmas vacation.

A daughter was born to Mrs. Inslee Blair Green, Tau, in Jan.

Mrs. Linna Thomson Fleming, Rho, is living in Seattle.

Mrs. Post, Chi, has been quite ill for some time. She is living in the Normandie apartments, corner of 9th and University sts.

Minnie Lee Noc, Alpha Mu, spent the Christmas vacation in Seattle. She is teaching near Shelton, Wash.

'13-ex Lucy Horton has left college and will be in California the rest of the winter. She expects to return to college next fall.

'14-ex Clotilde Patton had to leave college on account of the critical illness of her mother and they will move to California very soon.

ALPHA MU—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

We are able to announce our pledges earlier than we expected, owing to a Panhellenic resolution which moved pledge day to the Wednesday before Christmas. We were most successful this year, and are proud of the following new girls: Susan Wilson, of Fort Smith, Arkansas, Lura Grigsby, of Blandinsville, Illinois, Marguerite Redman, of Platte City, Missouri, Margaret Carrington, of Kansas City, and Geraldine Cullom and Marjorie MacArthur, of St. Louis. Initiation cannot take place till pledges have twenty-four hours credit. Marjorie MacArthur and Geraldine Cullom will be eligible after the mid-year examinations. It is a great relief to have the strain of rushing at an end before the Easter pledge day we had agreed upon at first.

The excitement of pledge day occupied us up to Christmas, so that we did not have our usual Christmas dinner and tree. We were generously remembered, however, by our old girls. Efae Brown sent a dozen hand-painted individual salt cellars, Eloise Bramlitt, an artistic table cover, Archie Cook, a set of table mats, Nettie Humfeld, a buffet scarf, and Minnie Lee Noe a basket jardinière. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler also sent a beautiful hammered brass jardinière.

On January 4 most of the chapter went to Sturgeon, Missouri, to attend the wedding of Mary Anderson Summers to Raymond F. Leggitt, Sigma Nu. They will live in Kansas City.

Just a day or two after our return from the holidays we were badly frightened by fire. A joist in the basement caught from an overheated flue, and for a while the results threatened to be serious. The flames were controlled, however, before they did much damage.

We are looking forward now to our formal dance, on February 14, and to having two of our old girls back with us second semester, Bess Phillips and Eleanor Keith.

Alpha Mu extends heartfelt sympathy to Alpha Epsilon in her recent misfortune.

24 January 1912

Temple Kean

Jim Wilson expects to leave college second semester.

ALPHA NU—UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

In addition to Hi Jinx, the all-university Christmas celebration, held annually in the gymnasium, we Thetas had a Christmas tree party of our own, in our apartments at Craig hall. We had meeting at four o'clock, the spread after that, and then the always-wonderful tree itself. A fat Santa Claus, disguised in a marvellous red bath-robe, bustled in and distributed the piles of packages and brought forth some for the suite itself—among other things a set of silver teaspoons engraved with K A ©.

January 13 we had a tea-cup shower for the suite, inviting besides the active members, our alumnae and patronesses. After the pretty cups, including a dozen plain white ones in the narrow gold band pattern, were duly admired, we spent the afternoon playing "five hundred."

President Duniway has been asked to resign his position in June as head of the university, by the State board of education, and we are more than sorry to lose him. The matter has been the subject of warm discussion throughout the state, but since the board has not made public its reasons for taking this action, everyone is more or less in the dark. President Duniway has many warm friends among the student body, the faculty and the people of Missoula, who naturally think that he has not been treated justly.

The Honor Roll of the university for the first semester was published last week, and of the nineteen fraternity girls on the list, ten of them are Thetas, thus leaving only three of our active members not included.

29 January 1912

Hazel Marshall Lyman

'07 Mrs. Ralph Gilham (Carrie Hardenburg) spent the Christmas holidays in Missoula with her parents.

'07 Born, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Poole (Cora Averhill), Jan. 3.

'11 Mrs H. H. Slaughter (Isma Eidell) is recovering from a severe case of typhoid fever.

'11 Lillian Williams of Deer Lodge spent a few days with Alpha Nu the last of January, to be present at initiation and the Founders'-day banquet.

ALPHA XI—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Our nearest alumnae chapter, Omega, is a neighbor well worth having—never a vacation passes that Omega alumnae does not entertain us or help us entertain for others. During the Christmas holidays the chapters entertained together with an informal stunt party and dance at Helen Higbee's home.

Although examinations are close upon us we have had time for quite a number of social affairs. Gertrude Taylor entertained early in January with a dance at the house, to which were asked the Beta Theta Pi underclassmen. The chapter gave a travelling luncheon on the twentieth for Mary DeBar '11 and her mother who left for a trip in Europe. The dining room was decorated as a dining car, and Samanthly and Hezekiah Hopkins, two rural travellers, caused laugh upon laugh by their ludicrous remarks on everything in general.

Shortly after the examination are two college dances; the freshmen class dance, a formal, and a student body, informal, which is to be a leap year affair.

Basketball is upon us. The Varsity team so far is victorious although they still have several games to play. The Interfraternity games have been played, the cup going to the Kappa Sigmas. Our Alpha Xi team has won the first game played and feels very much elated over the victory.

Geneva Wilcox and Maurine McAdam, two members of the 1914 class who have not been in college this term, are returning in February. We were very sorry to lose one of our freshmen, Matilda Knapp, who has had to leave college.

Lila Sengstake has the first honor, as yet, since the Christmas vacation, that of secretary of the German club.

A very happy birthday to all Theta chapters.

26 January 1912

Marjorie Holcomb

'09 Frances Nelson spent last week end with us.

'09 Sara Frances Oberteuffer and Elmer Rhodes Moller, X Ψ, Cornell, were married Dec. 19, 1911.

'09 Mrs. William Barker (Winnie Cockerline) is at home 242, 32nd and Alder, Seattle, Wash.

Miss Sanford, Psi, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Raymond Davis, in Eugene.

ALPHA OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

By the beginning of the second semester, our new Main hall will be completed. An appropriation has been given for a law building. The new hospital of the medical school at Oklahoma City was opened January 17.

A new national fraternity has entered the university, The Holmes club having been granted a charter in Phi Delta Phi. This is the first professional fraternity in the state. Gertrude Buxton and Frances Dorchester are members of the Owl and Triangle, a senior honor society, which has been organized by the girls of the senior class. This corresponds to Pe-et, the men's senior honor society.

A uniform class pin, representing a Sooner stake, has been adopted. One of our freshmen, Edna Cash, was one of a committee chosen from each class, to select the pin.

Merle Newby had the violin solo part in the orchestra concert given in December. The glee club concert was given in January and both organizations will tour the state, giving a series of concerts.

Oklahoma is jubilant over the success of our football team, as not one game of the season was lost. The Sooner Rooter club, composed of all the students, gave a banquet in honor of the victors, at which Miss Bess Brewer, one of our patronesses

gave a toast for the women of the university. Our basketball team has begun the season well, having defeated the Oklahoma A. and M. and the Chilocco Indians.

Two of our seniors, Gertrude Buxton and Mabel Thacker, complete their courses this semester but will return in June to take their degrees.

We entertained one afternoon for Mrs. Duvall, of Princeton, New Jersey, who was one of our patronesses.

We have just started an Alpha Omicron Round Robin letter to our alumnae. As our alumnae list is, as yet, small, we can keep in close touch with them. After each great chapter event, such as rushing and initiation, the active girls write to the alumnae and tell them all about it. After initiation last fall a flash light of our banquet was sent to all the absent ones. We also keep in close personal touch with our District president, as the freshmen and upperclassmen take turns in writing to her every two weeks.

We also want to know all the Thetas in Oklahoma, and hope that every Theta in the state will send us her name and address, for we are always so glad to know those from other chapters.

29 January 1912

Grace Williams

'06 Alta Loomis Carder (Mrs Fred) of Cordell, Okla. spent the Christmas holidays with Adelaide Loomis.

'08 Born, on Dec. 27, to Mr and Mrs Charles Johnson (Ruby Givens), a daughter, Olive Catherine. This is our third Theta baby.

'11 Marie Hunter McMurray (Mrs. Jack) visited us in Jan.

'12 Ina Johnson attended the Christmas Panhellenic dance in Tulsa, Okla.

'14-ex Mary Virgin visited us recently.

'15-ex Nannolene Deu Pree has gone to New York to spend the remainder of the winter.

ALPHA PI—UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

What we feel has been the happiest and most important event since installation, was our week's visit from Mrs. Carpenter.

All, who know her, can realize what an inspiration she was and how much we were helped by her "heart-to-heart" talks. We all regretted she could not stay longer, and want her to come again soon. Her visit was made very pleasant by the kindness of our patronesses and especially of Mrs. Bangs, at whose home she was entertained.

A tea was given in her honor at Larimore hall, the guests being our patronesses and the members of Alpha Phi and Gamma Beta Psi, the latter having just recently organized as a local. A rushing-party was also given at Mrs. Bangs' home, to give Mrs. Carpenter an opportunity to meet our rushees.

One afternoon was given to the organization of our patronesses as an advisory board to fill the place of an alumnae chapter to whom we can go for advice. They will have regular meetings and we know they will be a great help to us.

A committee is planning for the celebration of the twenty-ninth anniversary of the university, February 22, and there will probably be a banquet in the Commons, with a program in the gymnasium. An interesting feature will be stereoptican views showing the laying of the corner-stone of Main building and other pictures of our early history. Olga Serumgard, one of our pledges, is a member of the arrangement committee.

The Bruce law club, which was recently admitted into Phi Delta Phi, is to be installed February 5 and 6, this being the second professional fraternity installed this year.

Last week, the Sock and Buskin club became affiliated with the Drama league of America. The club has commenced rehearsals of the play *Nathan Hale*, which will be presented in April, and in the cast are two Alpha Pi girls, Annie MacIlraith, who takes the leading part, and Gertrude Cunningham, who has the part of Angelica Knowlton. Vera Kelsey and Jessie Budge are also club members.

30 January 1912

Selma L. Hassell

'09 Aletta Olson of Grafton and Beatrice Olson of Fargo spent the week-end during Mrs. Carpenter's visit.

'09 Josephine Hamel visited Pearle Munroe on her return to Willow City after spending her vacation in Grafton.

'10 Echo Turner spent Christmas vacation at her home in the city and we enjoyed her visits with us.

'10 Married Jan. 6, Faith E. Grinnell to Edward T. Conmy, Σ X, Fargo, N. D.

'11 LaBelle Mahon is teaching in Langdon, N. D.

'11 Maude Templeton is teaching mathematics in the Beach high school.

'11 Emily Nash's new address in Chicago is Flat 3, 5355 Indiana ave.

'12 (Vassar) Clara Bull of Pasadena spent her Christmas vacation with her college mate, Ruth Whithed, and visited her Theta sisters.

'12 Lottie Canham, who left college because of ill health, is much improved.

Donna Lycan, Upsilon, of Bemidji, Minn. was a holiday guest in the city.

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KAPPA ALUMNAE, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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